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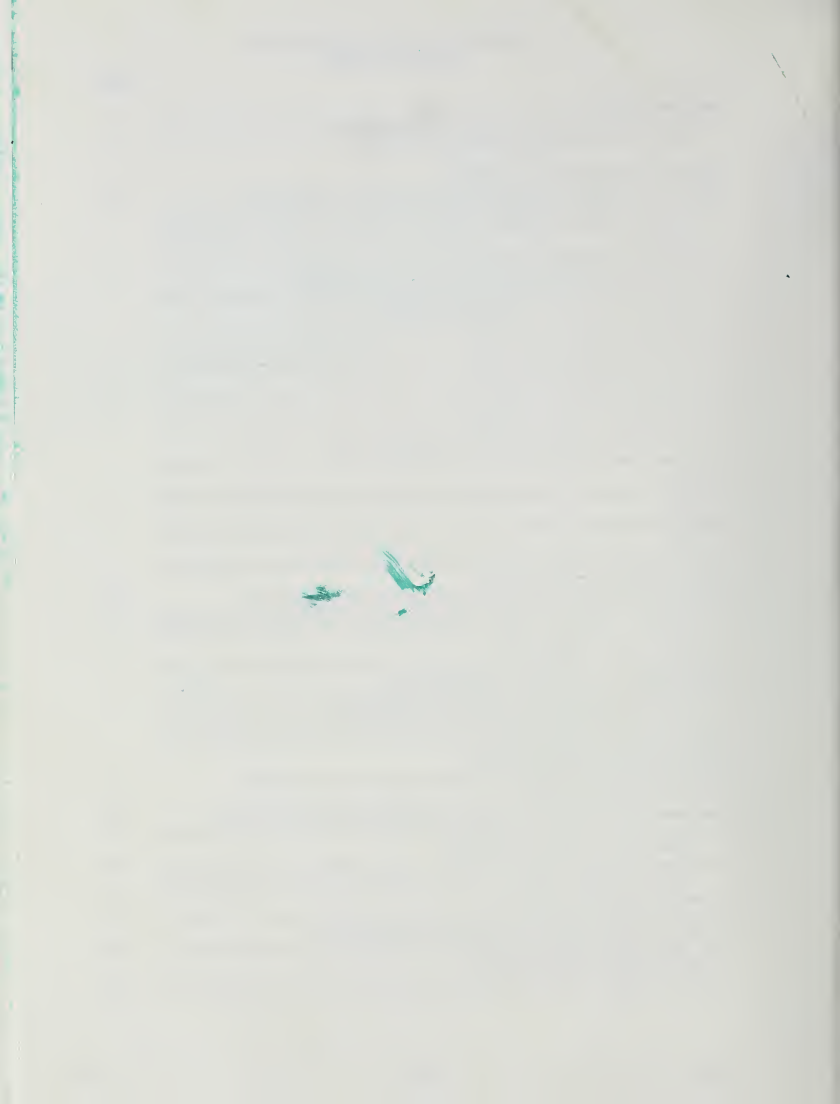
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From Philips Semiconductors, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$500.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.	
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From St. Anthony Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.	
From the Conservatory Foundation, improvements to the mist system for the East wing at the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at \$4,210.	
From the Conservatory Foundation, improvements to the mist system to support the greenhouse at the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at \$1,604.	
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- From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$2,500.00, for the Park Maintenance Fund.
- From an anonymous donor, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,500.00, for Mission Playground.
- From Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association, Inc., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$500.00, for the Midtown Park Playground.
- From McKesson Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$3,000.00 for Mission Playground.
- From Betty Silverman, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,000.00 for the Equestrian Trails Fund.
- From The San Francisco Foundation through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$5,000.00 for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.
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- From Bill Graham Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$300 for teen newspaper fund
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- From Conservatory Foundation, a gift in place of plant display benches, valued at \$24,500.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers.
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San Francisco, California  
January 11, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1994 - 3:45 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Tuesday, January 11, 1994, at 3:45 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola (noted present at 3:50 p.m.)  
Commissioner Vince Rovetti  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

Absent:

Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. CANDLESTICK PARK

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

APPROVAL OF NINTH AND FIFTH AMENDMENT

Revision of the ninth amendment to the lease with San Francisco 49ers and the fifth amendment to the lease with the San Francisco Giants to provide additional funding for improvements to Candlestick Park.

President Immendorf explained that the Commission had previously approved amendments to the lease agreements with the 49ers and the Giants so that each team would provide \$900,000 in advance rental payments to make further renovations and repairs at Candlestick Park during the off season. In a recent meeting regarding Candlestick Park renovations and the new requirements associated with the Americans with Disabilities Act, it became apparent that there was a shortage of funds to make the improvements. The 49ers and Giants have both agreed to increase the \$900,000 advancement to \$1.1 Million. The lease amendments are scheduled to be considered by the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors' on 1/12/94 but they require Commission approval prior to that meeting.



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2. **CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**  
**APPROVAL OF NINTH AND FIFTH AMENDMENT (Continued)**

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, said that the additional money needed for the renovation will come from the 49er playoff game scheduled for Saturday, 1/15/94. This playoff game was not budgeted and will give the necessary revenue for the renovations. There will not be a major capital improvement project for next year. Rather, next year's revenues will be used to to pay the debt for this renovation project.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16806**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revision to the fifth amendment to the lease with the San Francisco Giants and the ninth amendment to the lease with the San Francisco 49ers to provide \$1.1 Million each for improvements to Candlestick Park.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Sommer

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Ruiz

3. **CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Approval of Award of Contract for Candlestick Park renovations.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that two qualified bids have been received for the renovation work, the low bid is Nibbi-Tom and the second bid is Barnes-Lem. Nibbi-Tom has not submitted all of the required information to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and therefore HRC has not certified the bid. Barnes-Lem, the second bid, has been certified by the HRC but is \$150-180,000 higher in cost. The Recreation and Park Commission cannot take action until the Human Rights Commission certifies the contract.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said that the Commission could approve the Nibbi-Tom or Barnes-Lem contract dependent on the Human Rights Commission findings, with the understanding that the Commission preferred the low bid.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold said that Nibbi-Lowe is still involved in litigation with Volume Services regarding concession improvements that were done at Candlestick Park in 1993.

Commissioner Mazzola explained that he could not approve the Nibbi-Tom contract because he was aware that Nibbi has not paid some of the subcontractors from a previous contract. He said this contract is a another case of a general contractor bidding the same type of work and who will most likely administer the contract in the same fashion.



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**3. CANDLESTICK PARK  
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)**

Commissioner Mazzola said that Nibbi had a contract with Volume Services and the subcontractors were not paid. President Immendorf arranged a meeting of the parties to discuss this issue and it is still unresolved. Although the Nibbi litigation is a separate issue from the Recreation and Park Commission he could not approve this contract to Nibbi-Tom knowing these facts. He commented that a few of the subcontractors will be out of business if they are not paid. Commissioner Mazzola felt that the Candlestick Park renovation plan was necessary and that it should be approved, but he, personally, could not approve due to his association with the San Francisco Building Trades Council.

Commissioner Mazzola further stated that he did not understand the Recreation and Park Commission's role in approving contracts and said that it seems to approve any contract that is certified by the Human Rights Commission. He again commented that he did not want to stop the Candlestick Park project because the renovation work was necessary.

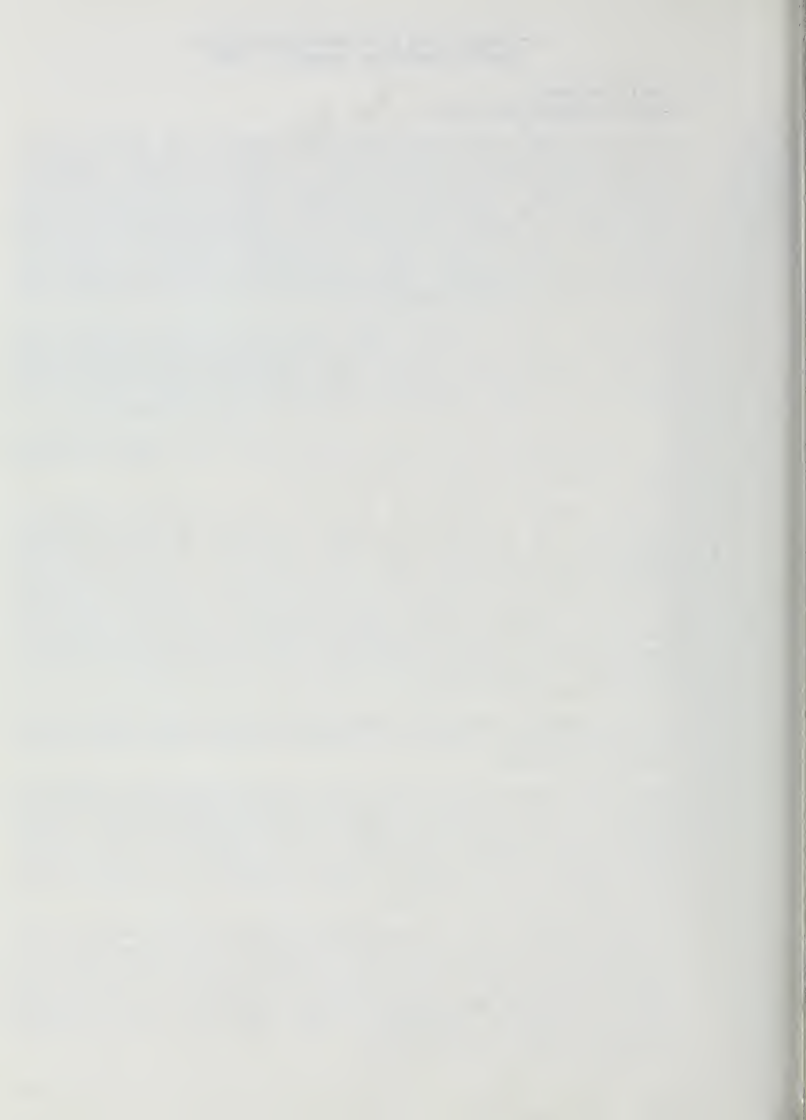
Mr. Arnold explained that if the Commission decided to take no action on this contract then it would have to be re-bid. The Commission cannot choose the second bid rather than the low bid.

President Immendorf pointed out that the City is already involved in litigation, over accessibility issues at Candlestick Park with an organization that represents the disabled community. The City also made a commitment to bring the Super Bowl to San Francisco in 1999 and the 49ers must make their request this year. This contract will enlarge the seating capacity to 70,000+, incorporate field level seating, renovate and upgrade all of the restrooms to make them accessible, and provide additional accessible seating throughout the stadium. There is a very small window of time to perform this work and hence the reason for expediting the award of the contract. He asked that the contract be approved despite the issues raised by Commissioner Mazzola.

President Immendorf said that Commissioner Mazzola is concerned that the large contractors can afford to litigate while the small subcontractors lose their livelihood.

Commissioner Rovetti said he, too, was concerned because even though the Commission is not directly involved with the Nibbi/Volume Services contract, it should protect the businesses that performed the work. He was angered by the sentiment that members of this Commission merely "rubber stamp" projects. He said that if there was any doubt in his mind that the contract should not be awarded he could not approve the contract simply because Nibbi-Tom was the low bid.

President Immendorf said that the concerns expressed at the meeting should be forwarded to the Nibbi firm and to the Human Rights Commission. He suggested that the minutes along with a letter outlining these concerns be forwarded to both parties. He said that the Commission did not have any choice if it wanted the renovation project completed. He said the City Charter also places constraints on the Commission's role regarding Department of Public Works' projects.





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**3. CANDLESTICK PARK  
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)**

Commissioner Mazzola said that he met with the Director of the Human Rights Commission to discuss this issue and will be meeting with that Commission to discuss all of the City contracts in the future.

President Immendorf asked that the low bid be approved and if the Human Rights Commission rejects it then the next low bid be approved.

Commissioner Rovetti asked why this Commission was considering the matter at this time when all of the information had not yet been presented to the Human Rights Commission. Mr. Arnold explained that staff wanted approval to enable construction to begin as soon as possible.

President Immendorf said there is a very short time period to complete the renovation work and that rain may impede completion of the project.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16807**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an award of contract to Nibbi-Tom for the Phase VIIIB renovations at Candlestick Park and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if Nibbi-Tom is disqualified by the Human Rights Commission then the bid shall be awarded to Barnes-Lem for the Phase VIIIB renovations at Candlestick Park.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti

Noes: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Ruiz

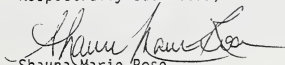
**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary



San Francisco, California  
January 20, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

689TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 20, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

Absent:

Commissioner Vince Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 14, 1993 and the Regular Meeting of December 16, 1993, were approved as presented.



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**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

**"BUDGET**

The Mayor has issued his budget targets for 1994-95. Budget targets give a high priority to Police, Fire, Sheriff and Muni, all of which will receive General Fund increases. The Recreation and Park Department has been given two targets. The higher of the two is \$9.4 million and will allow us to continue our current level of service. The lower target is approximately \$8.6 million and, if implemented, will require a reduction in service. A special meeting of the Select Committee on the Budget will be held in February to review the budget submittal and to determine what cuts will need to be made if the lower General Fund target is implemented by the Mayor.

At your places is a copy of the press release issued by the Mayor on his spending plan for 1994-95.

**HILLS PROJECT**

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is being asked to collaborate on the "Hills Project" by the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and their Families with the San Francisco Ballet, Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Unified School District.

This program will bring a free afterschool Visual and Performing Arts Program to children who live in the Western Addition. The program, which will target children in the third through fifth grades, is scheduled to start February 14, 1994 and operate through the end of the school year.

The Fine Arts Museum will be conducting classes on the art and culture of Egypt and West Africa at Hamilton Recreation Center on Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Prior to each class the children will be given a nutritious snack. Recreation directors will be assigned to work 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with this project through funding from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and their Families.

**PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB**

The Regional Water Quality Control Board finally held a hearing on its draft Cease and Desist Order to discontinue use of lead shot and clay pigeons at Lake Merced. The Board upheld the staff recommendation and adopted the following compliance dates:

March 1, 1994	Work plan for implementation of lead ban.
October 1, 1994	Cessation of lead disposition.
April 1, 1994	Work plan for alternatives to clay targets that contain asphalt.
June 1, 1994	Work plan to study birds/ducks to determine if they are ingesting lead and identify the risk to wildlife.



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**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

**PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB (Continued)**

The City and County of San Francisco, Recreation and Park Department, will become responsible for compliance if the Rod and Gun Club defaults, under a time schedule revised to reflect the status of task completion at the time of failure to comply. The City Attorney's Office and Recreation and Park Department staff will meet with the Rod and Gun Club in the near future to learn how the Club intends to proceed.

**GRANTS**

The Hamilton Teen Center has received a special grant of \$16,000 from the Health Department to conduct a special anti-tobacco program for girls in the Western Addition. The program will be known as GAT (Girls Against Tobacco). The GAT task force program will focus on providing wholesome recreational opportunities for the Western Addition's female population between the ages of 11 and 14 and educating program participants about the damage tobacco use can cause.

Two grant applications submitted by this Department for ISTEA funds failed to make the first cut for funding. This is the same fund that granted the Beach Chalet Restoration funds. The two projects denied included the renovation of the Park Presidio/Crossover Drive corridor through Golden Gate Park and a Civic Center pavement restoration project.

Notification was received that funding of \$295,000 from California Boating and Waterways has been granted for the public boat launch near Pier 54, San Francisco's only public boat launch into the Bay near China Basin.

**STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY**

The Society is sponsoring a workshop, "Designing the Mixed Border," on Friday, February 11, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. The Society is also joining forces with Horticulture Magazine in sponsoring "Mastering the Mixed Border," a day-long symposium on design, plants and garden style, on Saturday, February 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. At your places you will find flyers with further details.

**CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY CONFERENCE**

Barring any problems related to the earthquake in Southern California, I will be attending the annual California Park and Recreation Society Conference in Anaheim, February 2 through 6, 1994.

**SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS**

The following claims, under \$5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of December 1993:

Sheets, Lynnette M.	\$ 599.83	Lucas, Cindy (minor)	\$1,114.81
Cheung, Iris	500.00	Waugh, Sharon	270.00
Francis, Carlton	1,200.00		





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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, February 1, 1994 Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
- Wednesday, February 2, 1994 Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
- Thursday, February 3, 1994 Finance and Candlestick Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following items were approved:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS

RES. NO. 16808

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period December 4, 1993 through January 3, 1994.

b. HUNTINGTON SQUARE  
DANCING SPRITES RENOVATION

RES. NO. 16809

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the restoration of Dancing Sprites sculpture at Huntington Square.

c. SWIMMING POOLS - FREE ADMISSION  
OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S BIRTHDAY

RES. NO. 16810

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies free admission to swimming pools in observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday on Saturday, January 15, 1994.

d. BALBOA PARK

RES. NO. 16811

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants permission for the Department of Public Works to install a controller for the Fire Department's AWSS high pressure water system at Balboa Park.

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4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

e. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN  
WATERFALL RESTORATION

RES. NO. 16812

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Japanese Tea Garden waterfall restoration for the 1994 Midwinter Fair Centennial Celebration.

f. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES. NO. 16813

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

DONATION TO: Point Defiance Zoo  
5400 North Pearl Street  
Tacoma, WA 98407  
USDA #91-C-003

One (1) Male Siamang

DONATION FROM: Marine World  
Marine World Parkway  
Vallejo, CA 94589  
USDA #93-C-021

One (1) California Banded King Snake

DONATION TO: Marine World  
Marine World Parkway  
Vallejo, CA 94589  
USDA #93-C-021

Two (2) Female Cochín Chickens

PURCHASED FROM: Pittsburgh Zoo  
P. O. Box 5250  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-0250  
USDA #23-C-009

One (1) Male Ostrich valued at \$4,000

DONATION TO: Boy Scouts of America, Troop 543  
Seba Dalkai School  
Star Route  
Winslow, AZ 86047

Two (2) Male Llamas and one (1) female Llama

g. SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS (SLUG)  
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RES. NO. 16814

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) to extend the contract to June 30, 1995 and to provide services at the following park properties:

Randall Museum

Adam Rogers Mini Park

Potrero del Sol



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4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

h. MISSION DOLORES PARK  
APPROVAL OF WHEELCHAIR BOARDING PLATFORM

RES. NO. 16815

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval for MUNI to place a wheelchair boarding platform at 18th and Church Streets in Dolores Park.

i. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

RES. NO. 16816

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$31,911.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Public Relations Worldwide, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department Volunteer Recognition Program.
2. From Miranda Lux Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$2,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department Teen Volunteer Program.
3. From Netherlands National Tourist Office, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,000.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.
4. From ABN Amro Bank, N.V., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$500.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.
5. From Philips Semiconductors, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$500.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.
6. From Rabobank Nederland, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,000.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.
7. From the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$5,000.00, for the Palace of Fine Arts Maintenance Fund.
8. From Jerry Spolter, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$3,000.00, for bridle paths.
9. From Betty Silverman, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,000.00, for bridle paths.
10. From Cecile Chiquette, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$2,000.00, for bridle paths.
11. From St. Anthony Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.
12. From the Conservatory Foundation, improvements to the mist system for the East wing at the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at \$4,210.



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4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

i. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS (Continued)

RES. NO. 16816  
(Continued)

13. From the Conservatory Foundation, improvements to the mist system to support the greenhouse at the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at \$1,604.
14. From the Conservatory Foundation, boiler system pumps for the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at \$2,443.
15. From the Conservatory Foundation, greenhouse supplies for the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at \$3,560.
16. From the Conservatory Foundation, plant materials for the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at \$1,594.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. MARINA YACHT HARBOR  
BERTH RATE INCREASE

Approval of berth rate increase at the Marina Yacht Harbor effective April 1, 1994.

Marina Manager, Gary Davis, explained that for Fiscal Year 1993-94 the Marina Yacht Harbor has a \$1.5 Million budget but only receives \$1.2 Million in revenues. Since the last berth fee increase in 1988, staff has closed out capital projects and used the unreserved fund balance to make up the difference to balance each year's budget. Without a rate increase, staff will not be able to fund the capital projects for 1994-95 and will have less than \$100,000 remaining in the unreserved fund. If the 30% fee increase is approved, staff will be able to fund the operating budget as well as provide funds for capital projects needed at the Harbor. Specific capital improvement projects are facilities maintenance and the first year of a five year dredging program. Mr. Davis asked the Commission to approve a 30% fee increase at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Chuck Stern, Secretary and Past President of the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor Association, spoke in opposition to the fee increase. The Association wanted a 10% across-the-board increase based on cost-of-living figures from 1986 to present. He felt that a 10% increase was justified.

Bob Warren, spoke in opposition to the berth rate increase. He commented that a March 1993 Harvey Rose audit report showed lost berth rental income amounting \$128,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 and that vacant berth income needed to be obtained from 1990 to present. He urged the Commission to obtain a detailed audit report for all expenditures since the March 1993 audit and to deny the fee increase until those figures were submitted.





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**5. MARINA YACHT HARBOR  
BERTH RATE INCREASE (Continued)**

**Emeric Kalman**, a boatowner in the Marina, explained that he wrote a letter to Commissioner Rovetti on 1/10/94 regarding the berth rate increase and asked if action had been taken on his letter. He spoke in opposition to the berth rate increase until such time as the management problems were addressed at the Marina. He felt that there was a need for an audited statement of the loss in revenues incurred from empty berths from 7/89 to present; an audited statement detailing loss of revenue and the cost of damage to berths due to lack of dredging in a timely manner; and an audited statement of the expenditures from the capital improvement fund.

**Don Bielinski**, spoke in favor of the rate increase. He explained that he recently left the Marina Yacht Harbor and had investigated the cost of comparable harbors in the Bay Area. Monthly berth rates are \$108-150 more expensive than the San Francisco Marina. He felt that improvements could be made at the Marina with increased revenues and urged the Commission to approve the fees.

President Immendorf said the fee increase was needed to maintain operations and that comparable rates show that the San Francisco Marina is underpriced. He explained at the Committee level the recommendation was to approve a 15% increase effective 4/1/94 and that the Committee would schedule an evening public meeting to discuss revival of the Marina Master Plan. Staff will begin to prepare a monthly maintenance report for the Marina and an additional 15% would go into effect on 7/1/94.

Commissioner Sommer said that the berth holders are frustrated and feel that many projects need to be done at the Marina. She explained that the Committee pledged to have a meeting to discuss the Marina Master Plan and to develop a monthly maintenance report to give a better understanding of what has happened at the Marina and what projects need to be done. She said the fee increase was warranted.

Commissioner Mazzola concurred with the statement of Commissioner Sommer and said that the issue of vacant berths will be resolved with the mass assignment of berths to take place on February 26, 1994.

President Immendorf said the commissioners who serve on the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee are dedicated to the Marina and the berth holders' concerns.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16817

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following berth rate increases at the Marina Yacht Harbor:

Berth Size	Current Monthly Rate Per Foot	Approved Monthly Rate Per Foot 4/1/94	Approved Monthly Rate Per Foot 7/1/94
20' - 25'	\$3.70	\$4.26	\$4.81
30' - 35'	3.75	4.32	4.88
40' - 45'	4.55	5.24	5.92
50' - 60'	4.65	5.35	6.05
65' - 90'	4.75	5.47	6.18



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**6. MARINA YACHT HARBOR  
DISABLED ACCESS RAMPS**

Approval of conceptual design of disabled access ramps at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Assistant to the General Manager, Tim Lillyquist, explained that after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake many repairs were done through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) program at the Marina Yacht Harbor. In 1990 the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) was approved which requires that any renovation work done must have program accessibility. Therefore, a representative portion of the docks at the Marina Yacht Harbor must be made accessible to the handicapped. The plan is to locate accessible docks at the west harbor and Gas House Cove. It is very difficult to create an accessible dock because the slope can never exceed more than 8% grade. The firm of Moffet and Nichols has developed a design to provide access within these limitations. The project will cost \$309,000 funded by FEMA, and will be administered by the Department of Public Works.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Lillyquist said that the accessible docks will bring access to 60% of the berths at the Marina Yacht Harbor and will accommodate slips up to 50'.

Emeric Kalman, said he contacted the City's Disability Coordinator from the Department of Public Works regarding this matter. He suggested that rather than losing 9 berths in the Harbor to accommodate the accessible docks, that at least 3 alternatives be developed for review. He further stated that he read the legislation and did not find a requirement that the City had to provide disability access for floating docks. He said that approval should be postponed until a financial feasibility study be done. He did not think this project was necessary.

Chuck Stern, Secretary and Past President of the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor Association, said that the law mandates that the docks be accessible. He said the Association felt that there should be an oversight committee to review the planning and construction process comprised of representatives from Recreation and Park, the tenants and the two yacht clubs. The oversight committee would then have an understanding of the needs at the Marina.

President Immendorf said the law is very clear as to the City's responsibility on ADA and that there is a threat of a lawsuit if the City fails to meet the requirements of the law.

Commissioner Sommer commented that Mr. Lillyquist had said there was more than one plan reviewed for this project.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16818**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual design of disabled access ramps at the Marina Yacht Harbor.



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**7. KEZAR STADIUM  
APPEAL OF DENIAL**

Appeal of the denial of the request from Rennie O'Brien to sell alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that this item is an appeal by Rennie O'Brien to sell alcohol at Kezar Stadium. The Kezar Operation and Permit Policy, adopted by the Commission in August of 1991, states that the consumption and sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium is prohibited. The policy was developed with input from the staff, the community, users of the stadium and potential users. There was a fairly unanimous decision that since the stadium is used primarily for youth athletics and high school activities and considering the close proximity of the neighborhood to the stadium, the use or sale of alcohol is not an appropriate activity. Mr. Robinson clarified the point that the Kezar Operation and Permit Policy would have to be amended in order to permit the sale of alcohol.

**Barbara Marion**, an immediate neighbor of Kezar Stadium said that the neighborhood enjoys the stadium and was opposed to allowing the sale of alcohol at the stadium. She said the present policy was hard fought and approached with consideration of the impact on the entire community. It supports the concept that the sale of alcoholic beverages at sporting events lead to rowdiness and substance abuse. She noted that Candlestick Park has limited the sale of alcohol. She strongly supported denial of the request to sell alcohol. The stadium was intended for youth and neighborhood groups and it was under those guidelines that the community rallied in support of the stadium.

**Ken Spielman**, a member of the Board of Directors of the Homeowners Association for Parkview Commons, said that he used the stadium often and appreciated the facility. He supported the current Kezar Policy and urged the Commission to vote against this request. He felt that the matter should initially be reviewed by the Kezar Advisory Committee. He commented that a few years ago there was a St. Ignatius v. Sacred Heart high school game which resulted in leftover beer cans around the area and damage to one of the trees in Parkview Commons community. He felt that a change in the policy would result in more damage to property, more litter in the neighborhood, and urged denial of the request.

**Kurt Hovan**, a semi-pro football player, started an amateur adult football team, created a non-profit firm, brought it to San Francisco and is almost bankrupt. He felt the community was interested in themselves rather than the entire City. He wanted to use the Stadium when it was not being used by youth activities. He pledged to be responsible for any damage and would respect the neighborhood and the youth that want to use the Stadium.

**Nancy Cutler**, lives on Frederick Street, directly across from Kezar Stadium, was pleased with the way Kezar Stadium was being used. She was alarmed to hear of the proposal to sell alcohol at the stadium and felt it would create problems and open the door to a much more commercialized use of the facility. She said, to date, there have been few problems associated with the Stadium and thought that to allow more commercial events could be a mistake.

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7. **KEZAR STADIUM  
APPEAL OF DENIAL (Continued)**

David Yancey, representing the Northern California Rugby Football Union, said they have a contract to stage 6 rugby games on Friday nights in February, March and April of this year. His group has done this in the past, however, the fees to use the stadium have substantially increased making it, perhaps, prohibitive to use it in future years. He felt that they could generate substantial revenue for the City by selling alcohol and sharing a portion of the concession with the City. He supported a change in policy to sell alcohol and would provide the necessary security. He preferred that each event organizer be allowed to handle the concessions. He said that the neighbors would prefer a quiet environment but his organization could help the City's revenue base.

Calvin Welch, speaking for the Inner Sunset Haight Ashbury Poly Coalition, the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and member of the the Kezar Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to allowing alcohol at Kezar Stadium. He said that the Kezar Advisory Committee, which is a City-wide Committee, considered this issue when it was raised last year by Rennie O'Brien, and voted unanimously to oppose it. He commented that there is no guarantee that the revenues generated at Kezar Stadium will be spent to maintain Kezar Stadium and that the voters approved the renovation of Kezar pursuant to a General Obligation Bond with commitments from the Commission that the primary use would be for recreational activities and youth-serving athletic events. He urged the Commission to not change the current Kezar Policy.

Cyril Hackett, promoter of Gaelic Games, spoke in favor of the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. He said his league consists of amateur players many of whom work in the City. It is impossible to run a major sporting event, due to the excessive costs, without the aide of sponsors. Beer companies are the major contributors. He said alcohol is sold at Kezar Pavilion without problems. Currently, the amateur events cost are so high that athletes have to pay an entrance fee. He was concerned that the high permit fees would prevent amateur teams from using Kezar leaving the Stadium vacant and in a state of disrepair. He further explained that alcohol sales are permitted at Balboa Stadium without incident. He pleaded, on behalf of amateur athletics, to remove the prohibition of alcohol sales at Kezar Stadium.

Gus Derdevanis, owns a building across from Kezar Stadium and is very pleased at the type of athletic events held at Kezar. He felt that the sale of alcohol was a negative action that would cause fights, broken shrubbery, graffiti, etc. He said that Kezar Stadium is located in a highly congested area and there is little room for automobile traffic. He sympathized with the semi-pro teams and the costs associated with these teams but opposed the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.





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7. **KEZAR STADIUM**  
**APPEAL OF DENIAL** (Continued)

Renne O'Brien, wanted to make Kezar Stadium more user friendly so small promoters could afford to use the facility. He said that Kezar Stadium is a jewel in the City but questioned if the Department had sufficient funds to maintain the stadium. The sale of alcohol would increase revenues, attendance and 25% of the concessions would go to the City. He said that small promoters need the sponsorship dollars from companies such as Budweiser which gives \$58 Million annually or Coors which gives \$50 Million. Promoters, like himself receive nothing from beer sponsors because he cannot sell their product. Beer sales are allowed at Candlestick Park, Moscone Center, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, Balboa Stadium, A La Carte A La Park, and at Kezar Pavilion. Mr. O'Brien explained that he has organized 12 events at Kezar Stadium without incident. He wanted the option to sell or purchase a beer.

Mr. O'Brien contacted the Police Captain at Ingleside Station and asked what type of problems occurred at Balboa Stadium due to the sale of alcohol. The Captain was unaware that beer sales were permitted and could not recount any problems as a result of beer sales. The Park Police Captain was not concerned about the sale of alcohol as long the promoters hire two off duty San Francisco police officers for each 1,000 tickets sold at Kezar to patrol the neighborhood. He asked that a 6 month trial period be considered for the sale of alcohol for day events only. The Chair of the Kezar Advisory Committee has suggested that he use Candlestick Park or Balboa Stadium but Candlestick Park is too costly and Balboa Stadium is completely booked by soccer teams.

Dennis Antenore, Chair of the Kezar Advisory Committee, said the Committee is not solely comprised of nearby community members, but City wide users, who have spent a considerable amount of time debating the issue of alcohol sales and have taken many many hours of testimony on this point. Although the Commission is not required to refer issues such as this to the Kezar Advisory Committee, they are usually referred, or the Committee is asked for an opinion. Mr. O'Brien proposed the sale of alcohol in 1992 to the Committee and received virtually no support, other than from promoters. He felt that without formally noticing a change to the Kezar Operation and Permit Policy neither the Commission nor the staff has the authority to allow the sale of alcohol.

The main issue, from the promoter's standpoint, is one of sponsorship. At previous times, promoters managed to get beer companies to sponsor events at Kezar Stadium. He felt it was poor public policy to have the City and County of San Francisco involved in the promotion of the consumption of a drug that is a serious concern to the community. He suggested that tobacco companies may want to sponsor events to promote the use of cigarettes. He further stated that the staff has informed the Committee on more than one occasion of the maintenance problems at Kezar Stadium due to its excessive use. He felt that this action could promote more use that would exacerbate the maintenance problem.

Larry Burgheimer, lives directly across the street from Kezar Stadium, supported the existing policy and said the stadium is operating beautifully. He said that alcohol is a drug and Kezar Stadium should be a drug free zone.



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**APPEAL OF DENIAL** (Continued)

T. J. McHose, spoke in favor of the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. He asked the Commission to consider whether or not the Kezar Advisory Committee was useful and questioned the costs associated with administering the Committee. He thought that those funds should be directed to other activities. He suggested that the revenues generated at the Stadium should go directly to the Stadium.

Dean Brown, a resident of the area, said that Kezar Stadium is working wonderfully. He uses the Stadium with his family on a regular basis. He attended a rugby game last year and did not want to see the sale of alcohol because he would not want to bring his family into such an environment. He said there are enough problems on Stanyan Street with people living on the street and that inevitably, people will abuse alcohol. He did not think that the problems associated with the sale of alcohol could be separated from the neighborhood. He was sympathetic to those trying to run leagues but if Kezar was too costly then those events should be held at another venue. He urged the Commission to consider the effect of alcohol use at Kezar on the neighborhood and to deny the request.

Dorrie Huntington, a member of the Board of Directors on Parkview Commons, and a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, explained that she was involved in the development of this policy from its inception. She said the policy was developed in an open discussion with free exchange of opinions from all the users. She felt it was valuable to have an advisory committee whose primary goal is to consider the best use of Kezar Stadium. She said the Committee decided that the use of alcohol would have a negative impact on the community and felt it was unkind to have the Commission consider reversing the prohibition without regard to Kezar Advisory Committee's decision. She commented that Kezar Stadium looks attractive, is clean and well maintained while Kezar Pavilion is dirty with much graffiti. She hoped the Commission would support the Kezar Advisory Committee's decision and deny the use of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Estela Becerra, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, lives directly across from Kezar Stadium and said that the Committee spent a great deal of time and energy in developing an attractive stadium for the City. The main purpose of the stadium is for athletic events primarily for youth and the use of the community. The stadium is in a residential area and the sale and use of alcohol will only bring crime, litter, vandalism and excessive noise to the neighborhood. She recounted the fact that she has lived at this residence for over 50 years and witnessed accidents, vandalism, glass litter and the paddywagon from the 49er games. She felt that considering the sale and use of alcohol is outrageous and inconsistent with the Kezar Operations and Permit Policy.



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7. **KEZAR STADIUM**  
**APPEAL OF DENIAL** (Continued)

Michael Moriarty, chairman of the Gaelic Athletic Association of San Francisco, said that the amateur sport of gaelic football has existed in the City since 1892. They have used many Recreation and Park facilities through the years and last year, with the help of sponsors, used Kezar Stadium. However, they were forced to charge the players a fee in order to pay the rental cost of Kezar Stadium. He said that Kezar Stadium is unused on Sundays creating a loss of revenue to the City. The high fees could cause the elimination of amateur sports. His association favored the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium to raise revenues for amateur sports and the City.

Officer Mike Gannon, representing Captain Berry of the Park Police Station, said the station did not oppose or endorse the application to sell alcoholic beverages at Kezar Stadium. However, Captain Berry did not want the services provided to the Park Police District to be depleted due to events held at Kezar Stadium. Some of the events held at Kezar may impact the spectators and citizens around the arena. He said that Rennie O'Brien was willing to provide a minimum of 4 uniformed security personnel for the first 1000 people for any of his events. The Park Police Station will abide by the decision of the Recreation and Park Commission.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Mr. Robinson said that the actual capacity of Kezar Stadium is 10,000 but staff has only allowed 5000 to date.

Shannon Tobin, has been associated with rugby events at Kezar for the last 3 years and commented about the steady deterioration of the Stadium during that time. She understood that the City did not have sufficient funds to maintain the Stadium and expressed concern that the Stadium would continue to deteriorate without additional revenue. She felt that the sale of alcohol should be considered on a case-by-case basis. She suggested that the Commission allow the sale of alcohol for one event, an event she is working on, scheduled for 2/11/94 (Old Blues v Golden Gate) and have it be a test case for the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Jeff Morrison, said Kezar Stadium is a beautiful facility that should be used as much as possible by the community and the people of San Francisco. He was unsure if Recreation and Park had enough money to maintain it and felt that the sale of alcohol should be tested or tried to see the outcome of this action.

President Immendorf clarified the point that he asked that the matter be put on the calendar because he supported the concept of a public hearing on the issue of the sale of alcohol. He was sensitive to the neighbors' concerns and felt that everyone had presented their arguments.

Commissioner Chan said that City parks belong to all San Franciscans and that the current policy was formulated through a long process that took many months of public debate. He felt that policy could be modified if conditions change and it was tempting to consider the use of alcohol as a means to generate revenue for the Department. Conversely, he was reluctant to change a policy that took 2 years to develop. He recommended that this issue be referred to the Kezar Advisory Committee for further consideration.



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7. KEZAR STADIUM  
APPEAL OF DENIAL (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer said that she supported the concept that sponsors help fund programs and events but felt it was a narrow point of view to think that alcohol and tobacco companies are the only sponsors available. She said that other companies such as cosmetic firms, athletic equipment manufacturers, etc., should be solicited as possible sponsors. She understood the need to generate revenue but did not support the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Commissioner Mazzola said he felt it was inconsistent that the Recreation and Park Commission would allow the sale of alcohol on virtually all of its facilities it oversees except Kezar Stadium and did not fully understand the exemption. He said if alcohol was sold at Kezar Stadium it would have to be done under strict rules such as those that are imposed at Candlestick Park. He recounted that at his first meeting there was heated discussion about the use of alcohol at Marina Green in conjunction with the Fleet Week celebration. This Commission approved the use of alcohol at that event. He was willing to approve the sale of alcohol.

Commissioner Farrow said this had been an eye opening discussion as she did not realize that the sale of alcohol was permitted at Kezar Pavilion nor Balboa Stadium. She was willing to sell alcohol on a trial basis for a six month period and to carefully monitor the program.

President Immendorf said he did not support the use of alcohol when youth activities were occurring at Kezar Stadium and did not support roudyism, unlawful conduct, or graffiti. He supported the rights of neighbors to live in a peaceful area but was not convinced that selling wine and beer under very controlled conditions, on a trial basis, was improper. He suggested that the promoters meet with staff and the Kezar Advisory Committee and see if some sort of accommodation could be reached that is acceptable to both sides.

Commissioner Chan said that he did not want to overturn a policy in one day that took months to formulate. He preferred to see a dialogue on this issue before amending the policy and hoped that some sort of accommodation could be worked out with both sides whereby the sale of alcohol could be tested for six months.

President Immendorf asked if Calvin Welch and the Kezar Advisory Committee would be willing to sit down and discuss this issue with the promoters to see if accommodation could be made to sell alcohol with regulations for a trial period and then have the Commission consider it in 30 days. Mr. Welch said the Kezar Advisory Committee would be happy to take direction from the Commission.

Dennis Antenore said that the Kezar Advisory Committee would next meet on 2/2/94 and need more time for fact gathering, cost figures for alcohol sales at other Recreation and Park facilities, etc. He further explained that amendment to the Kezar Operation and Permit Policy must be legally noticed. President Immendorf said he would be willing to have a special Commission meeting if necessary.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the Commission tabled this matter for thirty (30) days.





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**8. UNION SQUARE**

Consideration of finding of no significant shading of plaza by proposed sign at Union Square.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this issue pertains to the Shadow Ordinance, a provision of the City Planning Code, which protects parks from shading by development. The Shadow Ordinance provides that parks should be protected from shade for 1 hour after sunrise and 1 hour before sunset for buildings over 40' high. The City Planning Commission makes a determination as to whether a development would have a negative impact in shading park property. The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department presents a finding to City Planning Commission, after consultation with the Recreation and Park Commission, as to whether or not there is a significant shadow impact on any development adjacent to park property. The Shadow Ordinance provides a shadow allowance for downtown parks. Some parks are already considerably shaded and it has been determined that no additional shadow is permitted by future development. In the case of Union Square it was determined that .1% additional shadow could be permitted within the confines of the Shadow Ordinance.

In this particular case, a large billboard is being proposed on the southeast corner of 212 Stockton Street. This billboard will use .098% of the .1% allowed leaving .002% for future development. The sign falls within the allowance but staff recommended that the City Planning Commission consider reducing the size of the sign so that other development could be permitted in the future. Ms. Learner displayed a diagram of the shadow on Union Square and said that this signage will use a great deal of the allowable shadow allotment.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Learner explained that perhaps the Commission would want to bank some of the shadow allotment for future development in the downtown area. The Commission is making a value judgment on the type of development.

Rana Ahmadi, representing the City Planning Department, said that it is difficult to project the shadow for buildings and projects. The closer the development is to Union Square the more shadow it will cast. However, if the development is far away then the amount of shadow would be less.

President Immendorf asked if the sign could be removed at a later date.

George Broder, representing Patrick Media Group, the promoter of the sign, said that in the future there could be a scenario where a developer could negotiate with his firm for removal of the sign in order to facilitate a development.

Commissioner Sommer said at the Committee meeting both she and Commissioner Farrow felt the sign was quite large and there is only so much shadow space for future development.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:



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**8. UNION SQUARE (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 16819**  
**(Continued)**

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds that there is no significant shading of plaza by proposed sign at Union Square.

ACTION: Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola

Noes: Commissioner Sommer

Absent: Commissioners Rovetti, Ruiz

**9. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
MANAGEMENT FEE**

Approval of General Fund appropriation request for the San Francisco Zoological Society annual management fee of \$4 Million for fiscal year 1994-95.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

**10. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
FELINE CENTER/OTTER EXHIBIT**

Approval of expenditure to construct the Feline Center and Otter Exhibit, funded by contributions to the San Francisco Zoological Society and Zoo 2000 Fund.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that he was requesting approval to expend funds for construction of the Feline Center and Otter Exhibit as required by the lease agreement. The Commission has already granted conceptual approval for both these exhibits.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Anderson explained that when only private funds are used the Zoological Society administers the construction project and the City's Department of Public Works is not involved in the construction program.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Zoo lease agreement stipulates for projects where funds were privately raised, the Zoological Society has final authority on awarding the contract.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16820**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves expenditure to construct the Feline Center and Otter Exhibit, funded by contributions to the San Francisco Zoological Society and Zoo 2000 Fund.



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**11. HOWARD-LANGTON MINI PARK  
USE CHANGE**

Approval for use change at Howard-Langton Mini Park.

Assistant Superintendent for Neighborhood Parks and Squares, Mike Morlin, explained that this item was presented at Parks and Planning Committee and is a request to alter the use of the Howard Langton Mini Park. The park is located at Howard between 7th and 8th Streets and has a mural on one wall and unused play equipment. The park is habituated by homeless individuals and substance abusers. The community has demanded that Recreation and Park consider changing its use.

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**RES. NO. 16821**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the change of use from a children's play area to a passive use park for Howard-Langton Mini Park.

**12. NAMING AND/OR CHANGING  
DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY**

Consideration to amend the Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Parks and Planning Committee had a spirited discussion about a provision of the Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities Policy. The discussion related specifically to the section requiring a 5-year waiting period after death before a request to rename a facility will be considered. This matter is a policy issue for the Commission.

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**RES. NO. 16822**

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**13. SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR FLOWER SHOW  
APPROVAL OF 1994 BUDGET**

Approval of the 1994 budget in the amount of \$46,650.00, for the San Francisco County Fair Flower Show to be held on August 26-28, 1994 at the County Fair Building.

**Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold**, explained that the 1994 County Fair will be held at the San Francisco County Fair Building and its budget requires Commission approval. The anticipated revenue from the Fair is \$58,500 with projected expenditures of \$46,650. \$40,000 will be allocated from the State of California and \$18,500 from fair revenues. Flower Show, Inc., will operate the Fair under a 3 year agreement with the Commission. He recommended approval of the 1994 County Fair budget.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16823**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1994 budget in the amount of \$46,650.00, for the San Francisco County Fair Flower Show to be held on August 26-28, 1994 at the County Fair Building.

**14. CLEAN WATER PROGRAM  
LINCOLN PARK/GREAT HIGHWAY  
AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Ratification of award of contract to Shank-Balfour/Beatty in the amount of \$29,926,684 for the installation of the Richmond Transport Sewer line.

**Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold**, explained that this item is ratification of a contract awarded by the Department of Public Works. The project is for the Clean Water Program but since the work will be done under park property it should have been approved by the Commission. The Department has experience with this contractor and has been pleased with past work. This project will tunnel under Lincoln Park, under Sutro Heights and the recently acquired Parcel 4 to connect with the Westside Transport under the Great Highway.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16824**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the award of contract to Shank-Balfour/Beatty in the amount of \$29,926,684 for the installation of the Richmond Transport Sewer line.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Sommer

Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

Absent: Commissioners Rovetti, Ruiz

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15. **CANDLESTICK PARK  
FIELD LEVEL SEATING  
TICKET PRICES -1994 BASEBALL SEASON**

Approval of ticket prices for field level seating for the 1994 Baseball Season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the City plans, at the request of the Giants, to add field level seating at Candlestick Park for the baseball season. There will be approximately 300 field level seats. The Finance and Candlestick Committee forwarded this item to the Commission without recommendation because the Giants had not finalized the ticket price. The Giants plan to offer these tickets at \$40. The comparable ticket prices range from \$100 and down. Mr. Arnold recommend approval of the \$40 rate.

Jack Bair, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, said the Giants did not have a recommendation at the Committee level because they had just learned that the field level seats were approved on 1/7/94. Last week, the Giants finalized the \$40 price which they think is reasonable. There has been a great deal of interest in the field level seats. The Giants wanted to receive Commission approval as soon as possible because season ticket holders will be notified and given an opportunity to purchase the field level tickets. If there are more requests than seats, then priority will be given based on the number of years someone has been a season ticket holder and the location of their seats. Therefore, it is possible that the ticket holders may be upgraded in seating categories which is a time consuming process.

President Immendorf wanted the Giants to consider making a number of seats affordable to the disabled community on a per game basis. Mr. Bair said the Giants are struggling with that issue and have some operational concerns about selling discounted tickets. They have not figured out how they will administer this concept.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Bair said the field level seat tickets are less than the price of luxury suite ticket. Mr. Bair said that the Houston Astros charge \$100 for field level seats and the Florida Marlins are sold out of their field level seats which were marketed last year at \$30.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Bair said that MVP service will be offered to the field level seats area and there will be a ramp and accessible restroom.

Commissioner Sommer said she understood that there were extenuating circumstances with the timing of this item but asked that future items be submitted in a timely fashion so they can be carefully reviewed.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16825**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a ticket price of \$40.00 for field level seating for the 1994 Baseball Season.

# THE EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON THE GROWTH OF *ESCHERICHIA COLI* IN A NUTRITIVE MEDIUM

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**16. CANDLESTICK PARK  
AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Consideration of Award of Contract for Candlestick Park renovations.

**Note for the Record:** This item was considered at the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission held on January 11, 1994.

**16a. RECREATION DIVISION  
PROJECT INSIGHT  
SKI TRIP**

Approval of the request to take Project Insight teens on cross country ski trip to Bear Valley, California on January 28-30, 1994.

**Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, Nan Neal**, explained that she was requesting permission for the Department's Project Insight Program to take deaf students to Bear Valley for a cross country ski trip. This will be the third annual ski trip. Four recreation directors will supervise the teens and an environmental companion will assist each teen. Ms. Neal displayed photographs from previous trips.

President Immendorf offered to pay the cost of the ski trip for any teen who could not afford to pay the fee.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Ms. Neal said that the City is self-insured and the environmental travel companions have their own liability insurance. Recreation and Park Department vans will be used for the outing.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16826**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to take Project Insight teens on a cross country ski trip to Bear Valley, California on January 28-30, 1994.

**17. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1994, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

Commissioner Chan nominated Jack Immendorf for President which was seconded by Commissioner Sommer. Commissioner Farrow nominated Larry Mazzola, Vice President and Commissioner Chan seconded this motion.

Commissioner Sommer nominated herself for Vice President and explained that she has been on the Commission for three years and felt she had the experience to be an officer. Commissioner Mazzola seconded her motion.

Jack Immendorf was elected President by a unanimous vote. Larry Mazzola was elected Vice President for calendar year 1994 by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola  
Noes: Commissioner Sommer  
Absent: Commissioners Rovetti, Ruiz



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**18. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Corky Engel and Bashul Parik** discussed the removal of the stone behind the Japanese Tea Garden and how this action offended many people. Mr. Engel said that for the past five years a large stone in Golden Gate Park has brought large number of people to it for worship. He said the stone was removed without notice on Friday 1/14/94 and that many people find this action hurtful. For the Hindu community this stone is resembled a very sacred ancient object that has been worshipped throughout their culture. He questioned why the stone was removed suddenly when it was there without incident for 5 years. He asked why the stone was removed when other religious symbols in the park remain untouched.

President Immendorf said the Commission was unaware of the significance of the rock until recent media attention was given to it and viewed the stone as something that might create a problem. The Commission was told that there was the use of open flame around the rock and this was of concern. President Immendorf explained that he was informed that a certain individual represented himself to be the primary keeper of the stone. This person, Mr. Das, had a more appropriate place for the stone and since it was sacred to the Hindu community it was offered to him. The Commission thought they were being respectful and did not want to offend anybody in the Hindu community.

**Bashul Parik**, explained that he was disturbed by the way the Commission handled this issue and felt a statement to the Indian newspapers explaining its action might alleviate the pain of its removal.

President Immendorf said that the Commission would be happy to issue a statement.

**Barbara Hobie** explained she has been discussing the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol and the problems it has caused her business since August 1991. She displayed an advertisement in the yellow pages which proved that the Golden Gate Skate Patrol is a business. She said the Skate Patrol has been using an amplified sound system without a permit at 6th Avenue. She said that Mr. David Miles of the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol held a meeting with 100-125 skaters and asked them to join his club for \$35 so he could fight the Commission in reinstituting the slalom skating course in the park. She urged the Commission to stop Mr. Miles from operating a business in the park and said it was unfair that he could use amplified sound. She pleaded with the Commission to curtail Mr. Miles' unfair business tactics.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that she met with Mrs. Hobie and representatives from the Richmond Police Station. The Department informed the Police Department that Mr. Miles did not have a permit to use amplified sound. The Police Department was asked to enforce the amplified sound restriction unless a permit was issued by the Department.

**Betty Silverman**, discussed Bercut Field and the need to keep this area open to the public. She said that in recent weeks visitors from Manteca, Pleasanton, and Santa Rosa have used Bercut Field. She wanted the Commission to be aware that the public uses this field and that it should not be part of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease. She felt the public would not be able to use Bercut Field if it was part of the concession. She thanked the Commission for listening to her concerns.





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**18. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Mr. Arnold said he has asked staff to look for an alternate location for other rings which would be closed to the Golden Gate Park Stables. He hoped that another site could be found. However, if Bercut Field remains in the lease it would be shared with the public.

Jack Bair, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, distributed a flyer that outlined the economic contribution the Giants have made to the City of San Francisco. The brochure highlights the community programs the Giants are involved in.

**19. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President did not submit a report.

**20. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of December 1, 1993

Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of January 4, 1994

Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of January 10, 1994

Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of January 11, 1994

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Father Alfred Boeddeker, a humanitarian who founded and spearheaded the St. Anthony's Dining Room in the Tenderloin, who passed away recently.

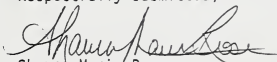
On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of George Hagiwara, who worked and lived many years in the Japanese Tea Garden, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Samuel R. Friedman, a founding member of Stadium, Inc., who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Glenn Beauchamp, former Business Manager for the Recreation and Park Department, who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 689th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary



San Francisco, California  
February 17, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

690TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Ninetieth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 17, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

Absent:

Commissioner Vince Rovetti

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 1994 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 11, 1994, were approved as presented.



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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that Gloria Koch-Gonzalez and Sean Sweeney were promoted to Area Supervisor in the Neighborhood Parks Program effective Monday February 14. These Area Supervisor positions had been vacant for nearly two years, and the Neighborhood Parks Program, which had been divided into four districts, has now been reorganized into three large areas due to the deletion of one Area Supervisor position.

Gloria most recently held the position of Gardener Supervisor of the Marina Complex, and prior to that she supervised the Mission Dolores Complex. She began her supervisory career at Crocker Amazon Complex in 1986. Gloria has worked for the Department for 10 years.

Sean held the position of Gardener Supervisor for the past 8-1/2 years at Sharp Park Golf Course, and prior to that he was in the Tree Assessment Program. Sean has been employed by the Recreation and Park Department since 1978.

Please join me in congratulating Gloria and Sean on their promotions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET

We have received a billing from the City Attorney for the months October through December which totals approximately \$200,000 for this three-month period. Our total budget for City Attorney services for the year is less than \$400,000. We have submitted a supplemental appropriation request to the Mayor for additional funding for the City Attorney based on the fact that Commission actions rejecting claims against the City have produced substantial savings to the City (even though our litigation costs have increased). However, the supplemental appropriation request has not been approved at this time. Consequently, I have directed all Recreation and Park Department staff to cease any contact with the City Attorney's office unless that contact has received prior approval from me or from the Assistant General Manager. It is also possible that staff may begin recommending approval of claim settlements in order to reduce the costs of litigation which are being billed to this department.

SOUTH OF MARKET RECREATION CENTER

The Recreation Division has just completed details of an innovative collaboration between the South of Market Teen Center and our facility, the South of Market Recreation Center. This collaboration will provide late night activities at our recreation center on Friday nights from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The South of Market Teen Center will provide staff, equipment and additional resources through a grant from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families. This arrangement will allow us to provide programming during these critical hours with minimal cost to the Department. As you are aware, we are currently operating other late night programs which have proven to be very successful. We look forward to the implementation of this very much needed program on March 12, 1994.



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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

JAPANESE TEA GARDEN CENTENNIAL

The Japanese Tea Garden is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, March 20, 1994. The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and the Japanese Tea Garden Centennial Committee, which originated in the Japanese-American community, will co-sponsor the celebration with Mayor Frank Jordan and Mayor Masaya Nishio of Osaka, Japan, serving as the honorary co-chairs. Special events and activities are planned, including guest speakers, cultural entertainment, a cherry tree planting and the rededication of the Japanese Tea Garden with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Main Gate.

RANDALL MUSEUM

The curtains are in. The sound system and lights are in, too. The Randall Theatre looks great! The staff is currently preparing a "punch 23st" of small items the contractor still needs to complete or fix. The Randall Museum will take beneficial occupancy of the new theatre in time for the Science Fair Awards Ceremony on February 26.

San Francisco students in grades 6 through 8 are busy preparing for the 12th Annual San Francisco Science Fair. The Randall Museum is coordinating and hosting this major, City-wide event which invites science teachers from the San Francisco Unified School District, the San Francisco Archdiocese and many private schools to submit their students' projects. The San Francisco Science Fair brings together 23 schools, 65 science teachers, thousands of students and the donated time of prestigious Bay Area science professionals who carefully judge the student projects.

At a time when so much attention is focused on the sad decline of many educational institutions, the Science Fair is a welcome burst of good news, with its City-wide teamwork and its positive effect on science education.

The public is invited to view the science projects Friday, February 25, from 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. at the Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, San Francisco.

MISSION DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE

In November of 1993, an ad hoc Mission District Open Space Task Force was created to review various open space projects and options for the Mission District. This task force was co-chaired by Sam Ruiz and Toby Levine (Planning Commissioner). The task force met through January and completed its final report on January 24. This report, which is at your place, endorses the completion of all currently funded open space projects in the Mission and provides general guidelines for the implementation of additional open space projects through inter-agency cooperation.





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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ADOPT A MONUMENT

The San Francisco Art Commission is sponsoring an "Adopt a Monument" campaign in conjunction with the Midwinter Fair Centennial to restore the various pieces of sculpture in Golden Gate Park. The goal is to restore each individual piece and to establish a maintenance endowment for each that would provide for ongoing maintenance needs in the future. We are seeking to identify an individual or group that would develop a fundraising campaign for each artwork. A brochure on this program is at your place. Your assistance in fundraising for this project would be appreciated.

CIVIC CENTER PLAYGROUND OPENING

The formal opening of the new children's playground at Civic Center Plaza is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m. The Mayor will attend the ceremony and several child centers in the Tenderloin will be there to test the new equipment once the ceremonial ribbon is cut.

GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURT CONCESSION

We have received notification that Tennis Mastery has withdrawn from the negotiations for the lease to operate the tennis courts in Golden Gate Park. Award of this lease to Tennis Mastery was approved by the Commission with the anticipation that the lease would take effect in April. The property management staff has now been informed that the Golden Gate Park Tennis Club may be interested in submitting a proposal. I will keep you informed on future developments.

PACIFICA SEWER PROJECT

Contrary to a report I previously made to this Commission, the City of Pacifica is still considering the Sharp Park canyon as a potential site for their sewer upgrade. This is in spite of the fact that Pacifica's team of outside experts rated the Recreation and Park Department site as appropriate. I might add that we had to learn this from a member of the public, because the City of Pacifica again failed to send us their official documents. I will keep you informed as this matter progresses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Mayor Jordan has established a city-wide task force on economic development opportunities under the leadership of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. After meeting several times as a whole, various subcommittees have been established to pursue further analysis. One of the subcommittees involves the Recreation and Park Department. Representatives on the committee in addition to Commission President Immendorf, Phil Arnold and myself include City Planning, Redevelopment Agency, Mayor's Office and Convention and Visitor Bureau. Various topics we will discuss are golf, parking in Civic Center, Union Square, limited sites in Golden Gate Park and long-term plans for the Candlestick Park area and McLaren Park.



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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under \$5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of January 1994:

Tse, Jasmine	\$ 493.00	McGlynn John P.	\$560.00
Tuccori, Lorenzo	98.62	Richards, Carol	275.00
Slojewski, Sylvester	477.44		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 21, 1994	Presidents' Day Holiday
Wednesday, February 23, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 4:00 p.m.; Rosa Parks Senior Center
Friday, February 25, 1994	Twelfth Annual San Francisco Science Fair; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way
Tuesday, March 1, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 3:00 p.m. tour, 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, March 2, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, SF Zoo
Thursday, March 3, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, March 17, 1994	St. Patrick's Day Lunch; 12:00 p.m.; Stern Grove
Sunday, March 20, 1994	Japanese Tea Garden 100th Anniversary Celebration; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Japanese Tea Garden"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

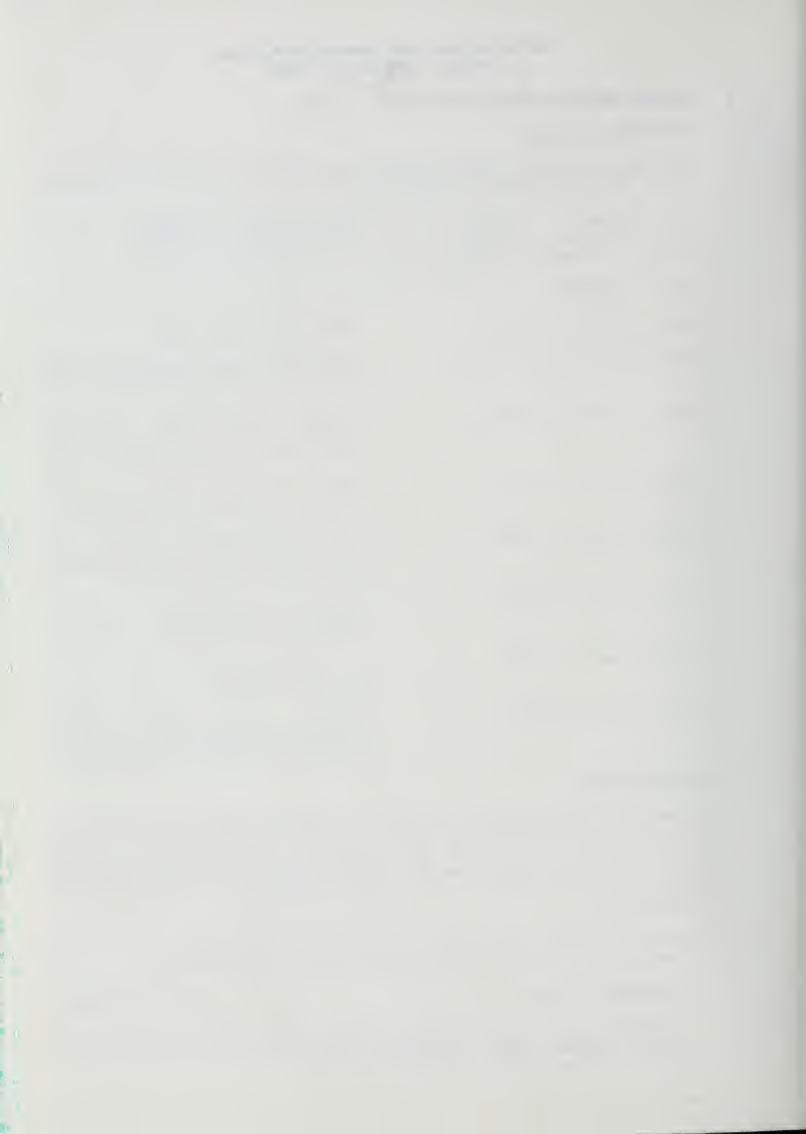
All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following Consent Calendar items were approved by the Commission:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS

RES. NO. 16827

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period January 4, 1994 through February 2, 1994.



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4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

b. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

RES. NO. 16828

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$12,930.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Bank of America, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, two portable basketball backboards, valued at \$400.00, for the Recreation and Park Department's Day Camp Division.
2. From Lone Family Charitable Trust, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$2,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.
3. From Nestle Beverage Company, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$3,940.00, for the Midnight Basketball Program at Herz Playground.
4. From Pacific Gas and Electric, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$5,000.00 for the Midnight Basketball Program.
5. From Gust Enterprises, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,090.00, for the Junior Tennis Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

c. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
PIONEER LOG CABIN  
FUHRMAN BEQUEST

RES. NO. 16829

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a \$20,000 expenditure from the Fuhrman Bequest to complete rehabilitation of the Pioneer Log Cabin in Golden Gate Park.

d. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
ANIMAL TRANSACTION

RES. NO. 16830

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transaction (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

Donation To: Mike & Debbie Chewning  
2462 Norris Canyon Road  
San Ramon, CA 94583

Six (6) Male, Six (6) Female Peafowl

Donation To: Dr. Erricheti  
295 Lenox Avenue, #401  
Oakland, CA 94610

One (1) Female Peafowl

Donation To: Sloan Ranches  
7945 Aliso Canyon Road  
Santa Paula, CA 93060

Four (4) Male, Ten (1) Female Peafowl

President: Professor Sir Ian H. Stewart, University of Cambridge

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4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

d. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
ANIMAL TRANSACTION (Continued)

RES. NO. 16830  
(Continued)

Donation To: Bert Schneider  
2467 Stonypoint Road  
Petaluma, CA

One (1) Male Cochin Chicken

Donation From: Sebastiani Winery  
389 4th Street  
Sonoma, CA 95476

One (1) Male, One (1) Female Hooded Mergansers

Purchase From: Keith Kunde  
Wildwood Waterfowl  
P. O. Box 638  
Kenwood, CA 95452

One (1) Male, One (1) Female Hooded Mergansers

e. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA  
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RES. NO. 16831

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the display of "Five O'Clock Shadow", a temporary sidewalk charcoal drawing of shadow figures, at Justin Herman Plaza beginning Wednesday, September 21, 1994 until Friday, October 21, 1994.

f. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
BICYCLE PEDICAB CONCESSION

RES. NO. 16832

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one year revocable concession permit for a bicycle pedicab tour ride of Golden Gate Park, effective March 1, 1994.

g. SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER SHOW INC.  
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

RES. NO. 16833

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the agreement with San Francisco Flower Show, Inc. to conduct the San Francisco County Fair and Flower Show for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996.





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**Note for the Record** Items 4h and 4i were removed from the Consent Calendar and considered individually.

**h. LAKE MERCED PERIMETER PATH  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Approval of the award of contract to G. Bortolloto and C. Richard Ramirez - Joint Venture in the amount of \$656,415 for the construction of the Lake Merced Perimeter Path.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that staff recommended award of this contract to a union firm, although the Department has not had any first-hand experience with this contractor.

Vice President Mazzola said he wanted contractors to pay the prevailing wage but wondered why Ghilotti, the low bid, was not awarded the contract.

Ms. Learner explained that there is a 10% preference given by the Human Rights Commission to contractors who are local and certified in the City and County of San Francisco as a minority/women business enterprise. Therefore, even though Ghilotti was the low bid it was awarded to Bortolloto because of this preference.

Commissioner Mazzola said that because of the 10% preference the City will pay \$50,000 more for this contract. He did not understand the logic of this action and would continue to vote against these award of contracts until he fully understood the issue.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Learner explained that unlike Bortolloto, Ghilotti is not a local firm.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting, and on motion of Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16834**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to G. Bortolloto and C./ Richard Ramirez - Joint Venture in the amount of \$656,415 for the construction of the Lake Merced Perimeter Path.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

**i. WEST PORTAL PLAYGROUND  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Approval of the award of contract to A & R Construction in the amount of \$206,835 for the renovation of the existing children's play area at West Portal Playground.

**Park Planner, Joanne Wilson**, explained that the official low bid for this contract was A & R Construction although two bid protests were filed on this contract. Cuevas-Mannion has submitted a letter asking the Commission to defer taking action on this item until the protest is resolved.



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**i. WEST PORTAL PLAYGROUND  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (Continued)**

Commissioner Mazzola said that he would like the staff memorandum to reflect all of the bids that were submitted.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Ms. Wilson explained that this contract is approximately \$6,000 less than the low bid of Cuevas-Mannion and that A & R is a local firm.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, President Immendorf explained that the Commission was not obligated to defer taking action on this item because of the letter submitted by Cuevas-Mannion.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16835**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to A & R Construction in the amount of \$206,835 for the renovation of the existing children's play area at West Portal Playground.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

**GENERAL CALENDAR**

**5. KEZAR STADIUM  
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT**

Consideration of an amendment of the Kezar Stadium Operation and Permit Policy to allow the sale of alcohol for a 6-month trial period.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that last month the Commission directed staff to meet with the community and the Kezar Advisory Committee to see if a compromise could be reached regarding the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. A meeting was held with the proponents, community and Kezar Advisory Committee. Several issues were aired and discussed, but the overriding thought was that the community was concerned about the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. The Kezar Advisory Committee is opposed to the sale of alcohol, however, if the Commission granted approval, the Committee and the community want to be involved in the development of the rules, regulations and procedures for that change in policy. Staff will then develop a bid package for a concession agreement for Commission approval with consultation from the community and Kezar Advisory Committee, for a trial period to evaluate whether it is or is not appropriate use at Kezar Stadium.

Mr. Robinson personally thanked the community and members of the Kezar Advisory Committee for the high degree of respect everyone showed each other in discussing this emotional issue.



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5. **KEZAR STADIUM  
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)**

Calvin Welch, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, thanked Joel Robinson for being helpful during this process and said that the potential revenue from the sale of alcohol is minimal. The community in the Haight has an arrangement with the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission and the Department of City Planning to limit the number of licensed premises on the street because of the alcohol problem in the neighborhood. The sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium will worsen the alcohol problem and might violate the existing City Planning zoning requirement. He assured the Commission that the community would appeal any alcohol permit and urged that alcohol not be allowed at Kezar Stadium.

Bruce Bernstein, lives in San Francisco, plays rugby, and is trying to expose this athletic activity. He felt that the players respected the neighborhood and that the sale of alcohol could add to the game of rugby. He suggested that the Commission approve the sale of alcohol on a trial basis to see how it is administered.

Laura Larrett, expressed concern about the Parkview Commons development and suggested that the Commission consider selling T-Shirts and other items rather than alcohol. She felt that other ways should be explored to raise money than through the sale of alcohol.

Dorrie Huntington, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee and resident of Parkview Commons, enjoyed living across from the Kezar Stadium. She said the policy for Kezar Stadium was developed after lengthy community meetings with the users, the community, and private and public schools. She thought it was wrong to change the policy because of a promoter's request. She felt that the use of alcohol at the Kezar will have a negative impact on the neighborhood and that other measures considered. The policy was well thought-out and developed by a group of people who are committed to the City. It was her feeling that the policy had not been implemented long enough to make changes.

Yvonne Bales, a long time resident of San Francisco, spoke in opposition to the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. She said that there has been some incidents of property damage, public urination, etc., after high school games held at Kezar. She questioned what would happen to the community from allowing alcohol at the facility. She felt that the City should not be in the business of making alcohol more available to children.

Clayton Mansfield, representing the Sierra Club, said the Club did not take a formal position on this issue but this type of proposal makes them uneasy. When Kezar Stadium was renovated it was to be used as a community sports facility; now it is being viewed as a cash cow. He sympathized with the Commission's need to maximize revenues but questioned the prudence of this course of action given the concerns expressed by the neighborhood and the Kezar Advisory Committee. He appreciated that rugby players would like a beer after a match but there are other places to have alcohol. He felt there was a potential risk from somebody who abuses alcohol and questioned whether the revenue from selling alcohol is worth that risk.



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5. **KEZAR STADIUM**  
**OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT** (Continued)

**Kenneth Brown**, a retired professor from UCSF, has lived and worked in the community for 35 years and is currently a member of Kezar Advisory Committee. He said the Kezar Advisory Committee voted overwhelmingly on 2 occasions to continue the ban of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. One of the strongest reasons for the opposition to the sale of alcohol was that the Committee was aware that the originally intended use of Kezar was for youth sports and community activities. This fact was strongly stressed to the public when it was asked to pay for the bond issue to support the renovation of the stadium. He felt it was poor public policy to have people pay for the renovation with this promise and then change its use at a later date. He urged the Commission to continue the ban of the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

**Virginia Brown**, thought it was ironic that drug abuse is frowned upon for young people but adults need to have their alcohol in order to enjoy a game.

**Beatrice Laws**, a neighbor of the area for 30 years, explained that she lived in the area when Kezar Stadium was used by the 49ers and recalled the different situation in the neighborhood when the 49ers' events took place. She was grateful to have the smaller stadium and was thrilled to help develop the renovation plan for a stadium for community use and children/youth activities. It seemed inappropriate to her to sell alcohol when families and children will be at this facility. She urged the Commission to not allow the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

**Robert Laws**, lived 30+ years in the area, said there has been much discussion of selling alcohol on a trial basis. He felt that the trial had already occurred and that one needed to remember the atmosphere after any major event at Kezar Stadium. He said the level of enthusiasm which comes from an athletic event is enhanced by the serving of alcohol and that it is impossible to control. The Commission was being asked to sell the humanity of the neighborhood and that it was not worth it.

**Gus Derdevanis**, was opposed to the sale of alcohol and said he has seen many, many alcoholics in the area. Since the renovation, the games that have been played have not promoted liquor. He said the Stadium is for the entire City and felt it should not be commercialized.

**Rennie O'Brien**, said that alcohol is sold at every other Recreation and Park facility such as Balboa Stadium. He met with the Kezar Advisory Committee and informed them that the concessions pay the administrative costs for Candlestick Park, Moscone Center and Balboa Stadium. Kezar Stadium costs \$1.7 Million a year to operate yet generates only \$50,000 annually. He felt that the City needed to take fiscal responsibility for the Stadium and said that some schools do not use it because it is too costly. Raising the fees will only result in an unused stadium and that Mayor Jordan has said it is time to run the City like a business. He was aware that there was an alcohol problem in the Haight but this problem was not coming from the Stadium. Businesses in the area thrived after a 49er game and he thought the neighborhood needed this type of activity.





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5. KEZAR STADIUM  
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)

Brian B. Hewitt, a frequent user of the Stadium, asked the Commission to approve this measure. He said Kezar Stadium is a beautiful facility that is being underutilized because it is so tightly regulated. Promoters interested in using the facility are turned away because of the regulations. He thought it would be wise to have a few more exciting events at Kezar and was glad to see the San Francisco Marathon use the stadium last year.

Officer Michael Gannon, representing Park Station, said that the Park Station registers no position on the sale of alcohol at Kezar but is concerned that the level of police services be commensurate with the size of the event held at Kezar Stadium. Police services should be assigned to the Kezar Stadium event, for pre-game and post-game activities, as well as the surrounding neighborhood. However, Captain Berry did not want police services to be depleted from the rest of the area as a result of Kezar activities. He encouraged the Commission to require promoters to contract with the Police Department for increased police services for Kezar events.

Jeff Wilkins, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, said that the neighborhood is opposed to this proposal. This Committee is comprised of user groups, such as Special Olympics, as well as the community. When the Committee overwhelmingly opposes the sale of alcohol it represents a wide range of people who use the Stadium. He thought it would be huge mistake to approve the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Larry Burgheimer, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, supported the position of no alcohol and implored the Commission to not take the risk of selling alcohol at a facility that is operating beautifully. If more events are held, the field will fall into a state of disrepair.

H. A. Herp, runs concessions at Kezar Pavilion and at games held at Kezar Stadium. He has been contracted to put on certain events at Kezar Stadium and knew that they are required to pay a fee to Recreation and Park and a percentage of the gate. More of these type of events will increase revenues and he felt that alcohol is needed for these events. He described regulations such as a 2 beer limit that could be imposed and commented that he sold only 14 non-alcoholic beers at a recent event although over 150 had requested beer.

Peter Pelavin, president of the Woodland Avenue Assn., did not think that Kezar Stadium should be run like a bar. Kezar Stadium is very close to Children's Playground and even though rules are imposed, an adult can hand a beer to a minor. He cautioned the Commission that this is a serious issue that could result in a possible lawsuit if someone is injured. He opposed this proposal and felt it was too risky for the neighborhood, particularly with the revenue it would generate.

Alvin Pelavin, said that the community did not expect a large volume of semi commercial activity at Kezar Stadium and that to increase commercial activity will ruin the confidence of the neighborhood. He felt that the comments made that increased police protection was needed for large events should answer the question without further discussion.

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Monty Stickles, explained that he lives in the neighborhood, played at Kezar Stadium when he was a 49er and now sees the facility begin to deteriorate. He felt that something had to be done immediately to help maintain the facility and that there seems to be a hysteria about alcohol. The areas of concern were the homeless in the parks and the undesirables on Haight Street. He did not think they could be related to a rugby crowd. He felt alcohol should be sold for a trial period.

Dennis Antenore, chair of the Kezar Advisory Committee, thanked Joel Robinson, and the members of the Kezar Advisory Committee, for the time, energy and effort they have given to make Kezar Stadium a facility for everyone in the City. The Stadium is a heavily used facility to the point that the public schools were asked to reduce its use. The country is living in a period of great social decay, a period when the youth is no longer connected, and should try to control the use of alcohol. He urged the Commission to abide by the original policy and to not change it.

Dave Freedman, urged the Commission to consider having more events at Kezar Stadium and felt it would better the Department financially to do so.

Nick Armantas, a resident of Parkview Commons, said he was opposed to sale of liquor and did not think it would generate sufficient revenue.

Mary Kilgariff, a native San Franciscan, explained as a registered nurse, and community health educator, the act of providing alcohol has ramifications to the individual, the community's well being and the environment. She said society's alcohol problem is costing California million and millions of dollars.

Kristin Maberley, voted for the bond to renovate Kezar Stadium because of fond memories of her high school football team winning their game at Kezar Stadium. She posed the question if the Commission approved the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium what kind of message was it giving to the children. She stressed that the bond was passed because it was going to be a stadium for the community and for youth activities.

Nancy Cutler, lives across from the Stadium, is a mother of 3 boys and attends and enjoys the Kezar Stadium facility. She was concerned because the policy was thought-out and supported. She wanted the facility to remain a community and youth sports facility. She noted that the commercial events are supposed to have a lower priority over youth and community activities. She was worried to have a trial period to sell alcohol and felt it would bring other problems to the area. She hoped the Stadium did not become more commercialized.

Cyril Hackett, organizer of Gaelic games at Kezar Stadium, and treasurer of Western Gaelic Games Association, explained that 15 teams participate in the gaelic games. The rental of the stadium costs from \$2000 to \$5000 per event. Rental, advertising and promotion of the events make it cost prohibitive without the aide of sponsors. He wanted the rule changed so that beer could be sold and organizations could take advantage of sponsorship money. He said the City would benefit from increased revenues. He was forced to charge each player a fee in order to pay the rent and thought that the facility might soon be too pricey.



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**Estela Becerra**, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, lives directly across the street from the Stadium and felt if alcohol was sold at the Stadium it would be moving away from the main purpose of Kezar, to provide youth sports and athletic activities. She has lived many years at her residence and discussed problematic activities resulting from 49er games held at Kezar. She felt it was outrageous to consider the use of alcohol.

**Jim Carmack**, a native San Franciscan, did not see anything wrong in selling alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

**Juliet Pries**, has attended events at Kezar and wanted to see more events. She did not believe that the sale of alcohol would be a problem.

**Kurt S. Hovan**, owner and president of SF Tigers, said he heard fear and emotion from the comments made. Alcohol is a drug but it is legal in the United States and many facilities in San Francisco. He said that the Commission directed staff to meet with the Kezar Advisory Committee and try to develop a compromise. He urged the Commission to not delay the process and to consider a temporary permit to sell alcohol at Kezar.

**Mary O'Donnell**, a resident for San Francisco 18 years, explained that she never used Kezar Stadium until last summer. Last year, she became involved with the Irish newspaper and covered games at Kezar which were formerly held at the Polo Field. She said many families attend the games and she has never witnessed any problems with the events. She noted that people drank at the Polo Field and there were never problems and now people are developing a morality policy for the City. People might not be able to continue to have the sport at Kezar Stadium and it could disintegrate.

**Anthony von der Muhl**, speaking as a board member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and Haight Ashbury Service Association, said both organizations are adamantly opposed to any policy which allows the sale of alcohol at Kezar. He referred to several passages contained in the Community Substance Abuse Services' San Francisco Master Plan: Reducing the Problems Caused by Alcohol and Other Drugs about alcohol abuse and the need to develop positive alternatives to alcohol abuse. He further explained that the national cost of alcohol abuse is estimated at \$117 Billion annually. This document also recommends that Recreation and Park work toward drug free activities for youth. He urged the Commission to not modify the current drug free policy.

**John Metheny**, a native San Franciscan, has been a spectator at Kezar and operates 3 restaurants that serve alcohol in the City. He said that the alcohol sales will be done for adult activities and that they will work with the neighbors to generate revenues for the City. He grew up in the area and did not like seeing the deteriorating state of the Stadium.

Commissioner Mazzola made a motion to direct staff to prepare a concession bid package within the next 90 days, and to work with the Kezar Advisory Committee, community, and the promoters to develop controlled alcohol sales at Kezar Stadium on a trial basis for a period of 6 months. Commissioner Chan seconded this motion.

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Commissioner Chan said both sides are over-reacting and that he understood the concerns of the community and the promoters. He said there were unknown answers relating to revenue, rowdyism, etc., and that he wanted to test the sale of alcohol to see if it will work.

Commissioner Sommer said that the Kezar Advisory Committee spent many hours considering this issue. She said there are better things for the City to do with its police force than to patrol around the Stadium after a game. She commented that alcohol can be purchased at nearby bars and is a major problem for the City and the country. She wanted to remove the stigma that athletics and alcohol go together. She said that it is not known how much revenue alcohol sales will bring to the Department and that it is refreshing to have one stadium that does not sell alcohol. She was not prepared to approve the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Commissioner Ruiz said that the community is voicing a legitimate concern but knew of 2 promoters who were interested in using Kezar but withdrew because of the rental fees. He noted that there is a lack of money to renovate Recreation and Park facilities and that the facilities are supposed to be available to those who need them. Fees are charged for everything including entrance fees, swimming pool fees, athletic field reservations, etc. He would like to see members of the community at the Board of Supervisors when the Department's budget is reduced, giving the Department no choice but to increase fees. He supported the policy to sell alcohol but proposed that if, during the trial period, a reasonable amount of money is not generated, the policy be abolished.

Commissioner Farrow was inclined to test the sale of alcohol and to review it after a trial period.

President Immendorf respected both sides and felt valid points were raised. He wanted the neighborhood to participate in developing the plan. He also wanted to make sure that no police services were depleted and that promoters contract to use the City's police force. The Department has had its budget reduced and it has been forced to cut services and eliminate programs. He wanted a provision included that money generated from alcohol sales is allocated to Kezar Stadium.

A discussion ensued regarding Commissioner Ruiz's proposal to abolish the policy if revenues generated are minimal. Commissioner Mazzola said that the revenue picture would be reviewed at the end of the trial period and that it would be difficult to determine a dollar figure to trigger abolishing the policy.

President Immendorf commended Mr. Robinson in his efforts to work with the community and the Kezar Advisory Committee. He suggested that the commissioners convey their specific concerns directly to him so that he could develop a proposal that addresses the many issues raised.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

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RES. NO. 16836

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Kezar Stadium Operation and Permit Policy to allow the sale of alcohol for a 6-month trial period with the following conditions:

°The community and Kezar Advisory Committee will be involved in the development of the policy;

°Promoters will contract with the San Francisco Police Department to hire police services requisite for the size of the event.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

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4:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. the Commission recessed.

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6. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST**

Consideration of the Recreation and Park Department 1994-95 budget request.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained the budget was considered before the Select Committee on Budget. At that meeting, he advised the Committee that some of the numbers were askew because staff was still working with the Controller's Office on fund balances. The budget request to be submitted to the Mayor is \$56,776,857. This figure is down \$1,665,820 from the current budget of \$58,442,677. The principal changes that result in this downward adjustment are as follows:

- ° The transfer of the Zoo to the Zoological Society results in a decrease in personnel costs of approximately \$3.5 million, a decrease in non-personnel costs of approximately \$540,000 and an increase in contractual service costs of \$3.3 million.
- ° The overtime budget is reduced by \$134,183 following the Mayor's guidelines.
- ° Travel and training budgets are reduced by \$18,100 following the guidelines established by the Mayor.
- ° Sewer Service Charge expenses are increased by \$87,202 based on information provided by the Department of Public Works', Clean Water Program.
- ° The budget for equipment is increased by \$265,860.
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**6. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)**

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- ° Increase late night activities for teens and young adults at recreation centers in the Richmond, Sunset, and Chinatown neighborhoods.
- ° Facilities and landscaping at Civic Center, Union Square and Mission Playground would be renovated and maintenance at these facilities would be enhanced.
- ° Recreational programs for children supported by the Children's Fund could be increased by approximately 10,000 hours over the amount budgeted by the Children's Fund through a subsidy from departmental revenues.

The Mayor has also asked the Recreation and Park Department to prepare budget reduction proposals in the amount of approximately \$800,000. These proposals are to be submitted along with the departmental budget request and would be considered only in the event that the City's current 1994-95 revenue estimates are too high. Should such reductions become necessary, staff would recommend that the reductions be implemented from the service enhancements proposed under the Department's budget request or from the infrastructure repairs proposed for Candlestick Park. The actual amount of the reduction for these two items will be determined depending upon how much of a reduction the Department is assessed.

Mr. Arnold explained that there are a number of reclassification of positions. Civil Service has conducted a study of five positions and determined that they should be reclassified to other titles.

The proposed capital projects for the Department are as follows:

Open Space Acquisition and Development	\$5,000,000
Open Space Facility Renovation	1,700,000
General Facility Maintenance	556,200
Camp Mather	250,000

Money would be used for maintenance and water service improvements at Camp Mather

Golf Course Maintenance	200,000
Candlestick Park Maintenance	750,000
Candlestick Park Parking Improvements	1,000,000

This money would be specifically used for acquisition of property along Jamestown which is currently used for parking and is now for sale.

Candlestick Park Infrastructure Repairs	750,000
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There is a main water line along the mezzanine level that is about to burst (\$200,000 to repair). There are a number of electrical substations around the stadium but they are not in balance creating an overload.

Marina Maintenance	100,000
Marina Dredging	300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,606,200</b>

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**1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST** (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said the Department cannot afford to budget \$300,000 for dredging year after year.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that there is a draft regulation circulating that would allow dredging of recreational marinas without going through the same process that larger ports have to go through, reducing the amount of time it takes to obtain a permit.

Mr. Arnold then presented a fund balance report outlining the balances of the different accounts (Open Space, Yacht Harbor, Revenue, Children Baseline, Stadium, and Zoo).

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold explained that rent is due for Portsmouth Square. A payment was received by the Controller but not credited to the Department. Another payment was due in December and another in January. The Department is meeting regularly with the Department of Parking and Traffic, and the Controller regarding the payment issue.

Mr. Arnold explained that last year's budget was based on the Giants paying a rent of \$1 per year. Subsequently, during the year, that rent was restored at 5% of gross admissions. Last year's rent was over \$1 Million and was unbudgeted revenue. The Department is able to present the 1994-95 budget because some of the revenues were unbudgeted and therefore allows the Department to enhance some of its services.

Mr. Arnold further explained that if the Department is forced to take a reduction because the City's revenue picture deteriorates, then it is proposed that those reductions come from either of the following:

Facility Renovations at Civic Center, Union Square and Mission Playground (\$475,000). The Recreation and Park Department is proposing to clean, relandscape, paint and generally improve these three high-use facilities.

Candlestick Park Infrastructure Improvements (\$750,000). The electrical system at Candlestick Park needs to be upgraded and balanced and major plumbing improvements are also necessary. During last season, the field lights nearly failed and a water main on the mezzanine level is very deteriorated. These needed improvements have been deferred for several years at the risk of major structural failure.

President Immendorf explained that the Select Committee on Budget eliminated other proposals because they would reduce teen and children programs and services.

The Mayor's Office asked the Department to:

\*Submit a proposal to increase maintenance levels in those neighborhood parks in the greatest need. The Department has identified Civic Center, Union Square and Mission Playground as the parks in greatest needs.



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\*Provide a preliminary outline for the process to develop a Golden Gate Conservancy, a private not for profit foundation similar to New York City's Central Park Conservancy. The Department has been developing an outline of steps in order to reach this goal.

\*Submit a proposal to consolidate the operations of the Golden Gate Park Riding Academy with the Police Department's riding facilities. The Department will be meeting with the Police Department to explore this proposal.

\*Submit a proposal for changes in the Aquatics Division in such areas as enhanced hours at certain pools to increase participation particularly by disadvantaged youth, revision to the fee structure to increase revenues and participation, revisions to staffing schedule to increase hours, development of outside revenue sources and the suitability of an advertising campaign to promote City pool use. The Department is working on this request.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the advantage of the partnership was to not reduce services at the Zoo. Rather, the partnership relies on the Zoological Society's ability to raise private money. They were required to raise \$10 Million in a 5 year period and have raised \$12 Million in the first few months. She said the Department needs to look collectively at other options and cannot continue to rely on the General Fund for support. There is a tremendous amount of interest in the service Recreation and Park delivers and that on a day-to-day basis it touches the lives of more people than any other City department.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Burns explained that it would be a 3-5 year period to close the Zoo. He thought that the Board of Supervisors would not allow the Department to close the Zoo.

Commissioner Sommer suggested that the Department receive the savings that the Department generate from fighting lawsuits and getting the rent from Portsmouth Square.

Clayton Mansfield, said he agreed with the statements made by Commissioner Ruiz that the neighbors from the Haight-Ashbury should attend Board of Supervisors' budget hearings. He submitted an editorial from the New Yorker Magazine that discussed the budget forecast for New York City's Park and Recreation District. The editorial suggested that the District needed to tap into other funding sources from state and federal agencies and to acquire private donations.

Emeric Kalman, asked how come the Zoo was budgeted another \$1 Million. He inquired if the Department implemented a zero based budget and asked why the salaries have increased over \$200,000 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.



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Mr. Arnold responded to Mr. Kalman's questions and said the Zoo contract requires the Zoological Society to receive the same rate the City receives for utility costs. The only way to do this is to have the City pay those costs and be reimbursed by the Zoological Society. The Recreation and Park Department was not identified to comply with a zero based budget. He finally explained that there is a reduction in the Marina Yacht Harbor salaries with a savings of \$70,000 in personnel costs at the Harbor.

On recommendation of the Select Committee on Budget, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16837**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department 1994-95 budget request.

**7. ST. MARY'S SQUARE  
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT**

Approval of a multiple day event at St. Mary's Square Park for the carnival portion of the Chinese New Year Celebration, from Wednesday, February 9 through Sunday, February 13, 1994.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to ratify this multiple day event that was held recently. The event promoter submitted the request a few days before the February Parks and Planning Committee meeting and, therefore, he requested the Commission to ratify the event. He received a report that there were no significant problems with this event although this was the first year it was held at St. Mary's Square. The permittee followed all of the requirements and there was no major damage to the park from the event.

Commissioner Sommer said she was annoyed that the Commission consistently receives the request a few days before the event. She wanted to have sufficient time to review this request.

The Commission directed that a letter be sent to the event promoter for the Chinese New Year celebration informing them that future requests must be received in a timely manner or the request will not be considered by the Commission.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16838**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies a multiple day event at St. Mary's Square Park for the carnival portion of the Chinese New Year Celebration, from Wednesday, February 9 through Sunday, February 13, 1994.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Imendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Rovetti

REGRESSION ANALYSIS OF  
TIME SERIES DATA

Abstract. This paper discusses the regression analysis of time series data. It covers the basic theory, estimation, and testing of regression models for time series data. The paper also discusses the application of regression analysis to time series data in various fields of research.

1. Introduction. Time series data are data that are collected over time. They are often used to study the relationship between a response variable and one or more explanatory variables over time. Regression analysis is a statistical method that is used to model the relationship between a response variable and one or more explanatory variables. In this paper, we discuss the regression analysis of time series data.

2. Basic Theory. The basic theory of regression analysis of time series data is based on the assumption that the data are stationary and ergodic. This means that the statistical properties of the data do not change over time and that the data are independent and identically distributed. Under these assumptions, the regression analysis of time series data can be carried out using the same methods as for cross-sectional data.

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8. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**  
**JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**  
**SELF-CLEANING PUBLIC TOILET INSTALLATIONS**

Approval of a revocable permit to allow the installation of a self-cleaning public toilet at Civic Center Plaza and Justin Herman Plaza and approval of the Department of City Planning's environmental review findings on the San Francisco Public Toilet/Kiosk Program relating to Recreation and Park property.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron deLeon, explained that this item is a request to place two self-cleaning public toilets on Recreation and Park property. At the direction of the Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Works has proposed implementation of a City-wide public toilet/advertising kiosk program. The initial proposal will put into place 27 free standing public toilets and 120 advertising kiosks. All of the toilets will be handicapped accessible, are 10' tall, 12' long and 7' wide. The Department of City Planning has completed and adopted the environmental evaluation for the proposed public toilet restroom City-wide. It considered the increased noise, pedestrian circulation, increased lighting from the structure, land use, etc., and found no adverse impact to administer this program. The two sites recommended for placement of the public restrooms are Civic Center Plaza, on the south side of the Fulton Street corridor. Initially it was recommended to be placed at the corner of McAllister and Larkin. However, some of the organizations involved in the construction of the Civic Center Tot Lot (Northeast side of the Plaza) felt it was unwise to have it so close to the play area. The second site is Justin Herman Plaza, north of the Market Street corridor, west of the stage area.

Mr. deLeon explained that a very important component of this project is that all of the toilet installations will be funded by the sale of advertising space on the kiosks. The City Planning Code, Park Code as well as the City Charter prohibits advertising on Recreation and Park property. The City Attorney has advised that advertising is prohibited on Recreation and Park Department property. Mr. deLeon requested that advertising kiosks not be placed on Recreation and Park property. There are 3 advertising kiosks proposed for Recreation and Park Department property.

President Immendorf asked if the request to prohibit advertising on Recreation and Park property was acceptable.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the City Attorney's Office intends to tell the Board of Supervisors that to place advertising kiosks on park property would require a change to the City Charter.

President Immendorf said the City is best served to have these public restrooms. He was concerned that the Department's strong stance on no advertising might prevent the City from having more public restrooms on park property.

Mr. deLeon said that he understood President Immendorf's concerns but it was his understanding that park property extends to the curb.





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8. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA  
JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA  
SELF-CLEANING PUBLIC TOILET INSTALLATIONS (Continued)**

Vitaly Troyan, representing the Department of Public Works, said that Public Works has no intention to advertise on park property but wants to place kiosks on sidewalks in front of park property. The sites are Washington Square, Civic Center and Justin Herman Plaza.

A discussion ensued regarding the issue of advertising on park property. It was agreed that this issue be referred to next month's meeting.

Mr. Troyan explained that another park site has been identified for placement of a public restroom and suggested that the Commission consider the third restroom and the issue of advertising on park property at the same time. He said they were seeking 3 sites for advertising kiosks in exchange for providing toilets free. There is no request to place a kiosk in Golden Gate Park.

Commissioner Sommer said it was her understanding at the Committee level that there would be advertising elsewhere in the City but not on park property.

Ms. Burns explained that when bus shelters were installed on sidewalks adjacent to park property, advertising was specifically prohibited.

President Immendorf said he wanted to see a decision from the City Attorney's Office on this issue. He wanted to see this program proceed.

Mr. Troyan said there are many City restrictions such as kiosks cannot be placed on any sidewalks less than 12', the Art Commission does not want kiosks in the medians, etc. By the time he has met with all the City agencies there will not be sufficient places for advertising kiosks.

President Immendorf suggested that approval be granted for the placement of the toilets and that the question of the advertising be referred to the next Commission Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Troyan explained that J. C. Decaux, a French vendor, will provide the toilets and has not selected the subcontractors, although the contract urges that he hire local contractors.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16839**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revocable permit to allow the installation of a self-cleaning public toilet at Civic Center Plaza and Justin Herman Plaza and approval of the Department of City Planning's environmental review findings on the San Francisco Public Toilet/Kiosk Program relating to Recreation and Park property.

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9. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**  
**MULTIPLE DAY EVENT**

Approval of a two day event at Justin Herman Plaza for the San Francisco Legacy Tour '94 Soccer Celebration on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 1994, with a request for a modification of the existing policy to permit amplified sound from 12 Noon until 10 p.m.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is approval of a multiple day event at Justin Herman Plaza for the Legacy Tour which is connected to the 1994 celebration of World Cup Soccer. This item was considered by the Parks and Planning Committee and there were questions raised regarding the number of hours of amplified sound requested. By way of background, Mr. Robinson explained that the sound policy for Justin Herman Plaza is in the state of flux due to the recent modification granted for amplified sound for the ice skating rink. Staff would like to review the amplified sound policy for Justin Herman Plaza and develop a revised policy for the Commission's consideration. Since the Commission recently made an exemption for amplified sound at Justin Herman Plaza, requests must now be considered on a case-by-case basis. The current request is to have sound from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday. The promoter has now requested permission to have amplified sound from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m. on Friday with 6 hours of total sound within that time frame, and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday with 8 hours of sound within that time frame. The promoter will present an outline of when the sound would be heard during this time period. This policy was formerly used for amplified sound at Sharon Meadow. Mr. Robinson explained that he has not received any negative responses from the management at the Embarcadero Center regarding the number of hours of amplified sound.

President Immendorf said that some of the events held at Justin Herman Plaza have been successful. Mr. Robinson said that the Hyatt Regency has not expressed concern over this event.

Commissioner Sommer said it was her understanding that the Commission would receive an outline of the times and hours for amplified sound for this event prior to the Commission meeting. She was annoyed by the lack of response to her request.

Mr. Robinson said he was not aware that he was supposed to bring the outline.

Commissioner Ruiz said that the Commission should give a vote of support to staff for obtaining the necessary information.

Ross Mirkarimi, Regional Director of World Legacy Tour, was under the impression that he was to work with the staff on the number of hours of amplified sound. He reinforced the point that the Embarcadero tenants have not commented negatively to the event. He said a public address announcement system is needed to give progress reports of the games. There will be 2 hours of music on Friday. On Saturday concert times will be from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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**9. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**  
**MULTIPLE DAY EVENT** (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said that during the Committee review he had not been comfortable with the number of hours of amplified sound at the Committee level and was pleased that staff plans to review the amplified sound policy for Justin Herman Plaza.

Commissioner Sommer said that she supported the event but wants all of the facts presented before the meeting so that she can make an informed decision without having to ask question upon question at the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16840**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two day event at Justin Herman Plaza for the San Francisco Legacy Tour '94 Soccer Celebration on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 1994, with amplified sound as follows:

\*Friday, 4/29/94 - Amplified sound from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m., with 6 hours of total sound within that time frame

\*Saturday, 4/30/94 - Amplified sound from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with 8 hours of sound within that time frame.

\*The promoter will present an outline of when the sound would be heard during this time period.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Rovetti

**10. McLAREN LODGE**  
**HANDICAPPED ACCESS RAMP**

Approval of Handicapped Access Ramp at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that the proposed disabled access ramp will come from the walkway in front of McLaren Lodge in the same alignment as the porch but will be pushed out a little to the south, approximately 4'. The Commission previously approved a plan for a pedestrian walkway to the Lodge. The handicapped access ramp project will be combined with the pedestrian walkway project.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16841**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the handicapped access ramp at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Rovetti



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**11. SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE**  
**MODIFICATIONS TO RESTAURANT SERVICE AREA**

Approval of modifications to restaurant service area at Sharp Park Golf Course.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that this item was presented at the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and that the Committee met at the Sharp Park Golf Course Restaurant. The proposal is to expand the service area. The fence would be moved out approximately 5' to the east to make room for repositioning the various support facilities to the restaurant. Staff has suggested that the fence be modified to be more attractive. This project is being done in advance of a restaurant addition which will be considered by the Commission at a future date.

Commissioner Chan explained that the Controller's Office audit raised an issue that the concessionaire must make public improvements to the facility. This requirement is part of the lease agreement.

**Joan Lantz**, explained that this item will enable the concessionaire to make the expansion of the restaurant as they need more room in the service area. She wanted this work completed in advance of the expansion project.

Commissioner Sommer wanted to have a site at the restaurant to walk up and get fast food so that one could keep playing and not slow down the game of golf. She felt it was wise to have a walk up concession at Sharp Park in the future.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16842**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modifications to restaurant service area at Sharp Park Golf Course.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Rovetti

**12. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

Approval of the Mission Statement for the Recreation and Park Department.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that this is part of a larger effort staff is undertaking to develop a strategic plan for the Department. The Department had a mission statement that was quite lengthy. A cross section of Department met and developed a mission statement. She suggested one modification to the statement and recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

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**12. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
MISSION STATEMENT (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 16843**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Mission Statement for the Recreation and Park Department to read as follows:

It is the mission of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences essential to San Franciscans and visitors. We offer:

- \*Enrichment programs
- \*Opportunities for physical, mental and social pursuits
- \*Alternatives to crime
- \*Environmental stewardship
- \*Attractions for San Francisco tourists
- \*Partnerships with the community that recognize each other's values and needs
- \*Safe and well-maintained facilities and parks.

**12a. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
BRIEFING  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

Briefing from the City Attorney's Office on Recreation and Park Commission approval for construction contracts.

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Miles, representing the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol, has been a 15 year volunteer to the Department. Over the past year, a few individuals have appeared before the Commission saying that he is violating park rules and it has been frustrating to him. He understood that the Commission was obligated to investigate such reports but submitted a petition with over 1,300 names showing support for his services. He said many people come to the park on Sundays and trust him and expect him to look out for their interests. He has no authority and assists people in his role as the Skate Patrol. He was unsure where he stood with the Department. He offers free skating lessons and is planning a guns for skates trade off in the park. He gave a list of accident and injury reports to the Department.

Emeric Kalman, referenced a letter sent to the Grand Jury and said that the Commission was supposed to have a public meeting on the Marina Master Plan and nothing has been scheduled. He was instructed to write to the Commission regarding his concerns but has not received a response. He discussed the disabled access ramps at the Marina and asked the Commission to postpone the disability access issue until it is analyzed in more depth. He also wanted to see a copy of the complaint filed regarding the disabled access at the Marina and commented that the Marina Manager received a vote of "no confidence" by the Tenants Association. Finally, he urged the Commission to establish a task force to analyze issues pertaining to the Marina.



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**14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that construction contracts are normally placed on the Consent Calendar when they have come out of the committee meeting with no dissent.

Commissioner Mazzola said that the construction job at Candlestick Park was stopped. President Immendorf said there is a meeting scheduled on 2/18/94 to discuss this construction contract.

**15. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of January 5, 1994

Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of February 1, 1994

Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of February 3, 1994

Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of February 7, 1994

Select Committee on Budget Meeting of February 9, 1994

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Louis J. Amoroso, husband of Beresford Amoroso, a board member of the Friends of Recreation and Parks, who passed away recently.

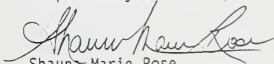
On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Jack O'Brien, trustee to the Strybing Arboretum Society, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Ed Aulerich-Sugai, a gardener at the Conservatory, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti, who is recovering from recent surgery.

There being no further business,  
the 690th Meeting of the Recreation  
and Park Commission was adjourned  
at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary



San Francisco, California  
March 17, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

691ST REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Ninety-First Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 17, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vince Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mazzola explained that one of the items discussed at the February 17, 1994 meeting was the Department's budget. At that meeting, he commented that if the Department did not have sufficient money to maintain Golden Gate Park it might consider leasing out the park as was done for the Zoo. Commissioner Mazzola remarked that he had made this comment in jest and said it was never his intent for the Department to contract out that service. He asked the Commission Secretary to amend the minutes to reflect his true feelings.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 1994, were approved as amended.



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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"ADVERTISING KIOSKS ON SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO PARK PROPERTY

As you will recall, last month the Commission approved a revocable permit to install a self-cleaning public toilet at Civic Center Plaza and at Justin Herman Plaza. The issue of advertising on park property was also discussed and the question was raised as to which City agency had jurisdiction over sidewalks that are adjacent to park property. Staff contacted the Real Estate Department who has advised that Recreation and Park's jurisdiction pertains only to that area which is dedicated for park purposes. Generally speaking, sidewalks are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. Therefore, this Commission does not have the authority to rule on the issue of the placement of advertising kiosks adjacent to park property. The Department of Public Works is now considering placing advertising kiosks on sidewalks adjacent to Civic Center Plaza, Justin Herman Plaza and Washington Square.

FINGERPRINTING OF EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

On October 9, 1993, Governor Wilson signed into law Assembly Bill 1663 which makes it mandatory for any public Recreation and Park Department to screen volunteers and employees for certain types of felony convictions if the person would be in a position having supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor. While the standard procedure has been to fingerprint most employees at the time of hire, the results of criminal record searches are delayed, sometimes up to six months. With the passage of this legislation, the Department must find a way to expedite the criminal record searches so that we have the results prior to the start of any volunteer or employee. We are currently exploring with the Sheriff's Department a way which would allow us to receive an expedited response to our inquiries. Preliminary discussions have indicated that an ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors may be necessary for us to have state criminal files searched. It is expected that the passage of such an ordinance would be non-controversial due to the need to protect minors from criminals with certain types of convictions.

FOOD NOT BOMBS

On February 23, 1994, the Superior Court ordered that a judgment be entered permanently enjoining defendants Keith McHenry, Lawrence Butler and Food Not Bombs (including their agents, servants, assigns and all acting in concert with them) from violating the provisions of the San Francisco Municipal Code. Specifically, they are permanently enjoined from preparing, serving or distributing food products to members of the public unless they possess effective and appropriate permits from the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Health. The Food Not Bombs' organization has applied for a permit to serve food and conduct recreational activities in Civic Center Plaza twice a day, noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, and seven days a week for 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Once again the Recreation and Park Department and the California Academy of Sciences are collaborating on a six-week summer camp program for children 6 to 12 years of age. Starting June 20, each week a different group of 30 children from our latch key and playground sites throughout San Francisco will be transported to the Academy of Sciences for an afternoon of educational presentations, hands-on activities and behind the scenes experiences. Recreation staff look forward to another successful year of this program which was initiated last summer.

CANDLESTICK PARK

As Opening Day approaches, there continue to be last-minute problems with the construction project at Candlestick Park. Costs of the project have escalated to approximately \$1.5 million over the original estimates by the Department of Public Works. In order to cover these increases, certain items have been delayed and DPW will be submitting a supplemental appropriation request for additional funds. The construction contractor has assured the City that all of the dugout work and seating work will be completed before the start of the Bay Bridge Series on April 1. However, such items as the new elevator, some of the new signage and an exit stairway will not be completed until mid-summer.

LOCAL 856 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Negotiations for a new Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Teamster Local 856 have been ongoing for approximately a year and a half. This Local represents the Civil Service Animal Keepers at the Zoo. Tentative agreements have been reached on a number of provisions but not all. On February 1, impasse was declared and a mediator was brought in to try to resolve the remaining issues. The first mediation session took place on March 15.

CAMP MATHER

Camp Mather applications for the 1994 season were sent out the first week of March to all individuals who have requested applications. To date, approximately 3,500 applications have been sent out. Resident applications will be accepted beginning April 1; non-resident applications will be accepted beginning April 15.

The 1994 season runs ten weeks with the first week starting on June 18 and the final week starting on August 20. There are 97 cabins which can accommodate from two to six guests, and there are 20 tent sites which will accommodate up to four campers. Five cabins are handicapped accessible.



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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

FELINE CONSERVATION CENTER

Bulldozers broke ground March 10 on the new Feline Conservation Center, a long-term breeding facility for endangered cat species at the San Francisco Zoo. When completed this fall, it will house the small cats currently living in the small "row cages," including the snow, black and Persian leopards, puma, jaguar and jungle cats. And then, at long last, the row cages will be demolished.

At 20,000 square feet, the new facility will consist of 12 enclosures, each one four to five times larger than the largest of the current cages. The cats will have climbing logs, naturalistic landscaping, dirt to scratch in and nooks and crannies where they can forage for treats.

The Feline Conservation Center will provide more than just creature comforts; it is designed to promote the psychological well-being of its inhabitants as well. In addition to removable climbing structures and scratching posts, the facility will contain provisions for interactive enrichment devices and video monitoring.

DUTCH WINDMILL

On March 22, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a reception in the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden near the Dutch Windmill to honor the donors who contributed to the purchase of bulbs for this year's flower display. Members of the Dutch community, San Francisco Beautiful and Friends of Recreation and Parks are expected. Paintings by internationally acclaimed tulip artist Toey Everett will be displayed. One painting will be auctioned with proceeds going toward a fund to determine restoration needs of the Murphy Windmill. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS LIGHTING

I am pleased to announce that The Condy Foundation has offered the Friends of Recreation and Parks funding support in the amount of \$82,000 for the completion of the dome lighting and continuation of the lighting maintenance project of the Palace of Fine Arts through the year 2001 and as long thereafter as terms of any new agreement at that time would specify. Their maintenance commitment would involve cleaning fixtures, replacing lamps and ballasts and providing ongoing monitoring and service of the lighting system.

RANDALL MUSEUM

The long awaited renovation of the Randall Museum's theatre and lobby marks the completion of the first phase of the Museum's master plan which was approved by the Commission in 1989. The next phase provides for exciting new exhibits in the remodeled lobby, followed by exhibits for the halls and animal room. In addition, proposals for the areas around the Museum are currently being prepared. These plans will be presented to the Commission at next month's meeting.



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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BULLDOZING OF HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

At their meeting of March 14, 1994, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution condemning the actions of the Recreation and Park Department to bulldoze a homeless encampment in Golden Gate Park without adequate prior notice or outreach and urging the Mayor to review the enforcement of existing City department protocols to ensure that such incidents to not recur. I am particularly concerned that one clause calls for no removal of homeless and their belongings if alternative housing and services are not available; this, despite concern expressed for children's play areas, athletic fields, etc. The resolution was sponsored by Supervisor Leal and co-authored by Supervisors Alioto, Migden, Bierman and Hallinan.

(Note for the Record. In response to questions from commissioners, Ms. Burns departed from her prepared remarks and added the following commentary:)

Ms. Burns explained that this resolution was sponsored by Supervisor Leal and co-authored by Supervisors Alioto, Migden, Bierman and Hallinan. Supervisors Conroy, Hsieh and Maher were not present when the vote was taken.

Ms. Burns explained that City's Matrix Program has been in existence for some time and that on a day-to-day basis the Department encounters 50-100 situations with the homeless. Normally staff asks them to move so that not every instance involves the Matrix operation. In this particular case, the site was quite large and one of the gardening supervisors said it was the worst encampment he had ever witnessed. The protocol calls for a schedule that involves staff from the Police Department, Department of Social Services, Health Department and Recreation and Park Department. The published schedule asked all parties to be on the encampment at 7:00 a.m. However, the Health Department and Department of Social Services met and changed the arrival time to 9:00 a.m. and never informed the other City agencies. Ms. Burns recounted the events explaining that staff from the Police and Recreation and Park Departments arrived at the encampment to inform the people that it was an illegal encampment, they could not camp on park property and would be asked to leave, and that there were would be outreach workers arriving to assist them if necessary. There were 3 individuals on the site at that time, one in the upper area and 2 others in the a lower area. Staff left and then returned at 9:00 a.m., thinking the outreach worker had visited the area. One person was still in the upper encampment and the 2 others from the lower encampment had their things loaded in a shopping cart and were leaving the site. They were advised that there were agencies to assist them and they turned down any assistance.

It had rained a few days before and the materials that were left in the lower encampment were covered with urine and human feces. The area was on a steep slope and it was intertwined with Leptospermum, a woody material. The supervisor felt the area was too dangerous and unsanitary for workers to clear and



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**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

BULLDOZING OF HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN GOLDEN GATE PARK (Continued)

beyond what a gardener should do in their day-to-day jobs. Therefore, the supervisor asked for a heavy equipment operator to come in and clear the site. The supervisor left the site and the bulldozer operator and 2 gardeners were left on the site.

At approximately 10:00 a.m., the outreach workers arrived. An unpleasant verbal exchange occurred with the outreach workers and Recreation and Park Department staff and the Police Department calmed tempers.

Ms. Burns explained that it was not the normal way the Department handles encampments, however, the items in the lower encampment were not salvageable and the valuable items in the upper camp were untouched. Staff has been repeatedly threatened by the homeless, and it is a very difficult and sometimes dangerous situation.

A discussion ensued regarding the inappropriate action of the Board of Supervisors' resolution and the fact that the City's parks cannot serve as homeless shelters. President Immendorf did not apologize for the Department's action, felt it has been sensitive to the homeless, and that it has an obligation to keep the parks clean and safe. A suggestion was made to invite members of the Board of Supervisors to personally view some of the encampments so they can see the health hazards that are present in the parks.

(Ms. Burns then returned to her original statement.)

SALE OF ALCOHOL AT KEZAR STADIUM

At their meeting of March 14, 1994, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution urging the Recreation and Park Commission to rescind its decision to enter into a test period for the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

SF TEEN

At your places you will find the March 1994 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

GENERAL MANAGER'S VACATION

I will be away from the office on vacation, March 21 through March 30. During my absence, Phil Arnold will serve as Acting General Manager.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under \$5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of February 1994:

Duffy, Paul	\$ 3,398.94	Miccio, Sandra	206.55
Truong, Minh	3,497.82	Hernandez, Robert	1,040.12





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**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday, March 20, 1994	Japanese Tea Garden 100th Anniversary Celebration; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Japanese Tea Garden
Tuesday, March 22, 1994	Reception at Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden, Golden Gate Park; 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; St. Mary's Recreation Center, Justin & Murray Streets
Tuesday, April 5, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 6, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, April 7, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 24, 1994	San Francisco Landscape Garden Show; Fort Mason Center

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolutions were adopted:

**a. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**RES. NO. 16844**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period February 3, 1994 through March 1, 1994.

**b. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN  
CONTRACT MODIFICATION**

**RES. NO. 16845**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the contract modification to Royston Hanamoto Alley and Abey to extend the contract term to August 31, 1995.



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4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

- c. RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 16846  
RANDALL MUSEUM  
OVERNIGHT OUTINGS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the overnight outings from the Randall Museum to Camp Mather on July 5-9, 1994 and August 1-5, 1994.

- d. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 16847

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$1,400.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Cathy Holtz, orchids, valued at \$900.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.
2. From John Barnes, orchid plants and seedlings, ferns and bromelads, valued at \$500.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

- e. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS RES. NO. 16848  
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

PURCHASED FROM: Los Angeles Reptile and Amphibian  
Los Angeles, CA

Six (6) sex unknown, millipedes

DONATED TO: David Yager  
University of Maryland  
College Park, MD 20742

Unknown quantities, Madagascar hissing cockroaches

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK PANHANDLE  
DE-DESIGNATION AS PIGEON FEEDING AREA

Consideration to eliminate Golden Gate Park Panhandle as a designated pigeon feeding area.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Panhandle area is an established pigeon feeding area, but because of the number of pigeons at this site and its close proximity to buildings adjacent to the Panhandle, there has been a problem with an increasing amount of pigeon droppings on the buildings and in the area. As a consequence, a request has been made to de-designate this area as a pigeon feeding site. Although it was originally intended as a pigeon feeding area, it was never intended to result in a conflict with the City's Health Department regulations. There have been cases of property owners in buildings adjacent to the Panhandle being cited by the Health Department because of pigeon droppings. The Parks and Planning Committee recommended approval of this item and staff also recommended de-designating this site in the park.



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5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK PANHANDLE  
DE-DESIGNATION AS PIGEON FEEDING AREA (Continued)**

Virginia Handley, representing the Fund for Animals, said she was formerly a member of the Animal Control Commission, and was aware of the pigeon issue. She has been trying to get a substance called "Ornitrol", a pigeon birth control commissioned by the Health Department. She said people feed pigeons so they will not starve rather than a desire to increase the bird population. She felt that de-designating this area as a bird feeding area will increase the problem because the birds will spread around to find food and sit on more buildings. The pigeons will not disappear and will continue to reproduce. She felt that there are deterrents to keep pigeons off buildings such as banging pans when they land, hosing down the pigeons, placing owls on the roof and spikes. She said that the pigeons are not a health hazard. She urged the Commission to ask the Health Department to approve "Ornitrol" as a humane alternative for pigeon control.

James Smith, explained that he attended a meeting of the Animal Control Commission which recommended that the Recreation and Park Department defer taking action on this item. He explained that he feeds grain to the pigeons and has fed birds in Golden Gate Park for 12 years. He did not think the birds created a health problem and said that he has trained the birds to come to the Panhandle to eat. He enjoyed feeding birds in the Panhandle and feeds them once a day. He did not think he was damaging anybody's property and said there are effective deterrents to pigeons such as the placement of owls. He wanted to continue to feed the pigeons and said that discontinuing the bird feeding will result in dead birds. He asked the Commission to not approve this request and said there is no food source for these birds.

Alice Stritzell, has lived in a flat near the Panhandle for 31 years and never had pigeons in the area. Last year, an influx of pigeons came to the area and now roost on the ledge of the building where she lives. There is a great deal of pigeon droppings on the sidewalk and she finds it distasteful to view the droppings. She was not opposed to pigeons but felt there was a need to control this bird problem. She also made reference to Michael Kagan who shot and killed Buck Naked in the Panhandle over a pigeon feeding issue. Property owners are trying to maintain the apartment buildings but are struggling to keep them clean because of the pigeon droppings.

Valerie Pope, a resident of the Panhandle, explained that the pigeons have roosted in her gutter. She has been forced to replace her gutters which required scaffolding the side of the building at a cost of \$1500. The droppings have eaten all the way through the gutters. She said that pigeons cause an enormous amount of damage to the buildings and the influx of them has been overwhelming in the past few years. She hoped the Commission would ban the feeding and noted that there is no longer grass in the area where the pigeons are fed because of droppings. She said the pigeon droppings are dangerous to people's health and that the pigeons will not starve if they are not fed grain as they eat anything.



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**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK PANHANDLE  
DE-DESIGNATION AS PIGEON FEEDING AREA (Continued)**

Ben Abarca, explained that he has heard about pigeon control methods described by previous speakers such as banging pots and pans or spraying the pigeons with water, but such methods require individuals to be home all the time. He has seen owls on top of a building with a pigeon nest next to the owl. He said that pigeons will not starve because they are scavengers. Most of the people in the Panhandle area own their own homes and have an investment in them. He owns a Victorian building and has recently renovated it. He paid a costly bill to repair damage from pigeons roosting underneath his eaves. He heard that a memorandum was issued by the Recreation and Park Department which informed employees to not touch or clean up dry pigeon droppings and that this is an indication that the droppings present a health problem.

President Immendorf said the Commission is not advocating the killing of pigeons but rather was considering that de-designating one area in Golden Gate Park from the list of feeding areas. There are other bird feeding areas in the park. He noted that two City agencies seem to be working against each other - Public Health citing building owners for damage caused by pigeons while Recreation and Park authorizes this site as a pigeon feeding area. The Commission is trying to be understanding of the community.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that "Ornitrol" was tested at the Zoo to decrease the pigeon population. One of the problems with the use of this item was how to control the intake since the material is spread over an area. There is the assumption that a certain amount will be consumed. The Zoo was unable to devise a method to control the amount of intake and found that the population did not decrease.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16849

RESOLVED, That this Commission eliminates the Golden Gate Park Panhandle as a designated pigeon feeding area.

**6. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
GREAT HIGHWAY  
BAY TO BREAKERS RACE**

Approval of road closure in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway for the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

This item was removed from the Calendar.





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**7. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
SPECIAL EVENT PARKING  
BAY TO BREAKERS RACE**

Approval of a permit for special event parking during the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, with a parking fee of \$5.00.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

**8. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
PARK POLICE STATION AND PARK POLICE STABLES  
AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Approval of award of contract for rehabilitation of the Park Police Station and Park Police Stables in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item was brought before the Finance and Administration Committee and there are two issues. First, the low bidder submitted a bid that did not include all items in the work scope and filed a "Notice of Withdrawal" too late. Therefore the City, legally, has the right to retain the bidder's bond. The second issue is whether or not this award of contract should be considered by the Recreation and Park Commission. Ms. Learner explained that the Bureau of Architecture was advised by the City Attorney's Office that this project should properly be brought before the Commission for the approval of the award of the contract. Ms. Learner clarified the point that staff was recommending approval of the award of contract to the first or second low bid.

Edward Lopez, representing the Bureau of Architecture, explained that the apparent low bid did not include the electrical and mechanical work of the contract. The Department of Public Works has been advised that legally the low bidder must deny the award of the bid and then the City may retain his \$140,000 bond. Once this process is completed, the contract can be awarded to the second low bid. He asked the Commission to approve the award of the contract to the low bid or the second low bid.

In response to Vice President Mazzola's question, Mr. Lopez explained that the City has asked the low bid to submit evidence that he made a legitimate mistake in omitting portions of the bid. The City has given the bidder two opportunities to respond to the Department of Public Works that he made an error in the bid. Legally, the City must give the low bidder the option of completing the scope of work.

A discussion ensued regarding this issue and how unfair it was to other contractors who properly bid the contract. Vice President Mazzola thought it was improper to allow someone to bid on the contract who may be defrauding the City and by such action penalize the next contractor who bid the job correctly.

Ms. Learner said the item before the Commission is to approve the award not specifying the bidder. If the bid is awarded to the low bid, the City will have inspectors to ensure that the job is being done properly.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the Commission tabled this issue.



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**9. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
LITTLE SPEEDWAY MEADOW  
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**

Approval of new arena space at the east end of Little Speedway Meadow for the Golden Gate Park Stables concession.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Little Speedway Meadow, which is west of the Polo Field, in Golden Gate Park, has been proposed by staff as a new arena space for the Golden Gate Park Stables concession. The site was selected by the Department's Park Planner, Deborah Learner; Area Supervisor for Golden Gate Park, Jon Huttinger, the Property Management Section; a representative of the current concessionaire and a Stables' boarder representative. Many sites were considered as alternate locations for an additional arena space. This site was chosen because of the concern expressed by members of the public that Bercut Equitation Field should not be included in the Golden Gated Park Stables bid package. Staff is asking that this area in Golden Gate Park be designated as the new arena space for use by the Golden Gate Park Stables concessionaire.

Although staff does not have any formal surveys of the use of this area, it is presently used as a lounging and picnic area. The meadow is quite long and more activities occur near Chain of Lakes Drive because it is close to a parking lot. However, this area in the park is used for recreational activities such as lounging, playing frisbee, etc., and is not considered an abandoned area in the park.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the concessionaire will be responsible for funding the cost of the new arena.

Joe Dignan, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables, said that the designation of this area in the park for an arena is a wonderful idea because Little Speedway Meadow is close to the central stable area and it is easier to get lesson groups back and forth from the main arena.

Shay Morris, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables, agreed with the comments made by Mr. Dignan. She said it was a wonderful solution to the problem of needing more arena space. She felt the location was much more preferable to Bercut Equitation Field because it is a quiet area. She urged the Commission to approve this item.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16851**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the new arena space at the east end of Little Speedway Meadow for the Golden Gate Park Stables concession.



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10. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
BERCUT EQUITATION FIELD  
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES

Substitution of an arena in Little Speedway Meadow for Bercut Equitation Field in the Golden Gate Park Stables request for proposal and proposed lease.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that now that the Commission has designated Little Speedway Meadow as an arena for the Golden Gate Park Stables it must substitute this area from the bid package so that when staff talks to potential bidders they will understand that Bercut Equitation Field is not part of the bid, but, rather, the Little Speedway Meadow arena is the site.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16852

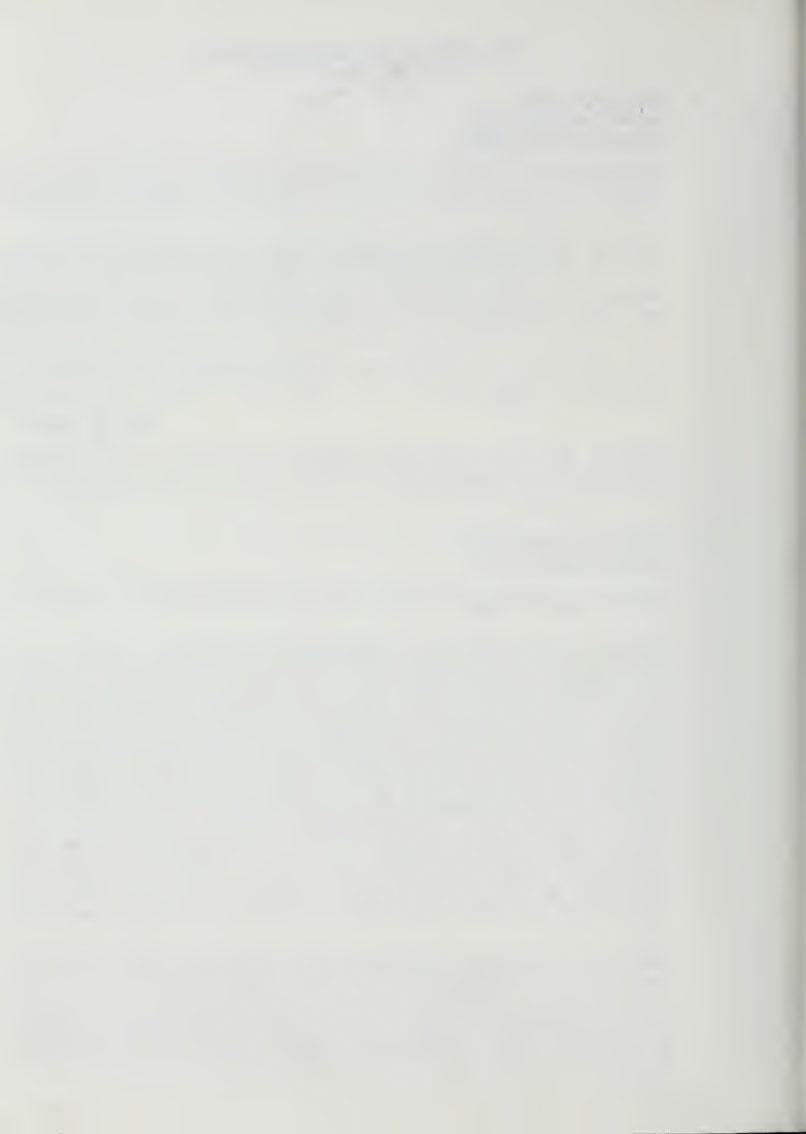
RESOLVED, That this Commission substitutes an arena in Little Speedway Meadow for Bercut Equitation Field in the Golden Gate Park Stables request for proposal and proposed lease.

11. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES  
BOARDER'S HOLDING FEE

Approval of increase for Golden Gate Park Stables boarder's holding fee effective April 1, 1994.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that when the new rate package for the Golden Gate Park Stables was considered by the Commission several months ago, it included a recommendation that the current holding fee of \$50 a month be increased to \$265 a month. The concept of the holding fee is that if one takes their horse outside of the Stables because of illness or the need to put the horse to pasture, the fee would be reduced. Staff feels that people are renting space in the Stables and that it is considered rental of space. The tenants feel it is unreasonable to charge them full rate when the horse is not there. Therefore, staff recommended that if the stall is occupied while the current tenant is gone, then the holding fee would drop to half of the proposed rate. However, if the stall is not occupied by a paying horse then the \$265 holding fee would be charged. In either case, the stall holder (the tenant) would not be allowed to sublet the stall; the concessionaire would be the agent to sublease the stall. Mr. Arnold further noted that letters have been received in opposition to the holding fee.

Connie Fox, a boarder at the Golden Gate Park Stables, felt the holding fee was grossly inequitable and that it was wrong to have the boarder pay full board while a subtenant can move into a stall and pay a fee. She said this arrangement benefits the concessionaire. She felt that a holding fee at the rate of \$50 or less for a six month time period, while the subtenant was paying full rent, was reasonable. She further felt that the \$2.00 per day food allowance was quite low and did not cover the cost of food and bedding.



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11. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**  
**BOARDER'S HOLDING FEE (Continued)**

Shay Morris, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables, said that the purpose of the holding fee is to guarantee one's right to come back. She noted that when somebody rents an apartment and goes on vacation, the landlord does not discount the rent. She said that there is a need for these stalls and people want to use them.

Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the concessionaire suggested the \$2.00 per day rate for food and bedding.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Polly Dignan, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables concessionaire, explained that generally the horses are gone for a month or two. Sometimes the horse will be gone for extended periods if it is lame or needs to be in a pasture resting.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16852**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the increase for Golden Gate Park Stables boarder's holding fee effective April 1, 1994, as follows:

Cost to Holder  
\$265

Uses Made of Stall  
Stall kept vacant

\$132

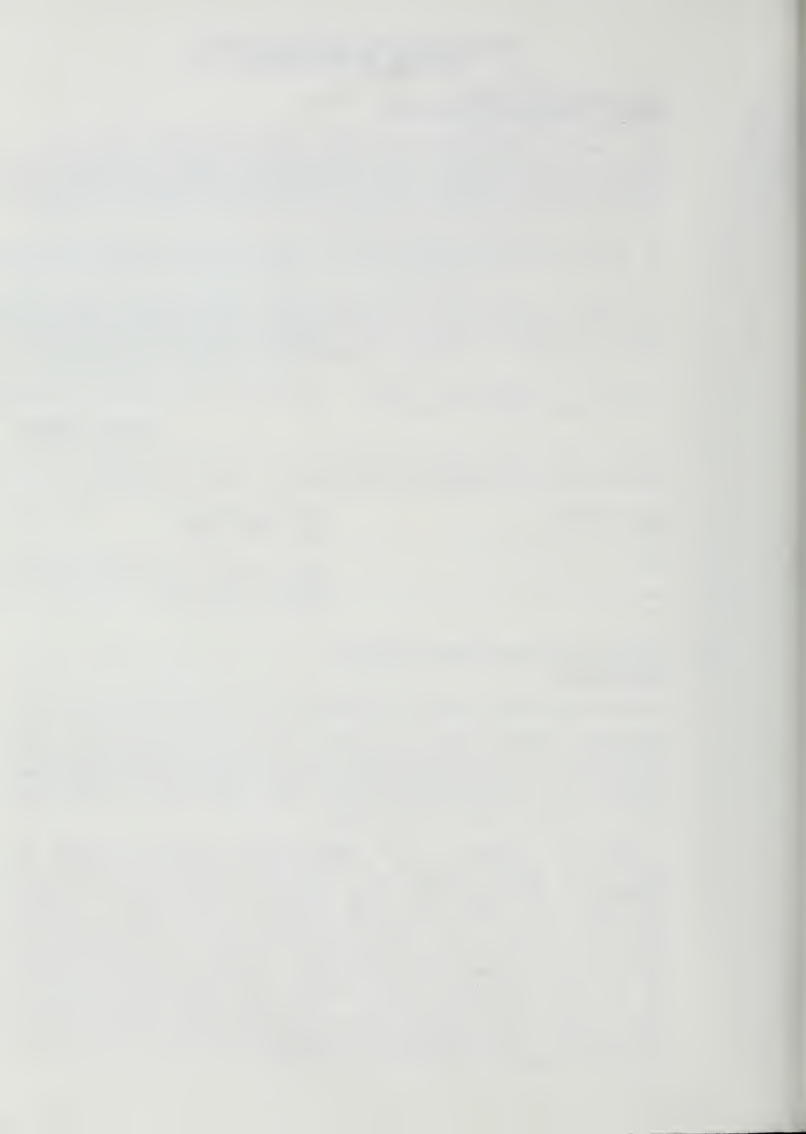
Stall occupied by temporary border  
paying full rate of \$325 or  
proration thereof

12. **MISSION DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE**  
**PRESENTATION**

Presentation of the findings of the Mission District Open Space Task Force.

Commissioner Santiago Ruiz, explained that this particular matter does not require action by the Commission and it is presented for informational purposes only. He thanked Mary Burns and Phil Arnold and Commissioner Toby Levine (City Planning Commission) for their assistance in the Mission District Open Space Task Force meetings.

A report was submitted to the Commission and a mission statement was developed. A series of meetings was held and the Task Force looked at the needs of the Mission District as it relates to open space and recreation activities. The Task Force also considered that there is serious underfunding for recreation programs throughout the City and in particular the Mission District. The Task Force outlined what it considered to be both long term and short term needs and developed a list of issues and projects to be considered for funding under the City's Open Space Program. The Task Force emphasized areas that need inter-departmental cooperation and is working toward these goals. Commissioner Ruiz explained that the report is self explanatory and outlines the priorities and needs for the Mission District. He hoped that the report would be shared with members of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office.





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**12. MISSION DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE  
PRESENTATION (Continued)**

Andy Solow, explained that one of the biggest problems he has encountered with the Open Space Program is the laborious process of public hearings. He has attended 12 public hearings on the issue of a soccer field at Dolores Park and felt that the process is invented as it goes along. He said that there was a 9 month time period of requesting a public hearing on the renovation of the Jose Coronado Playground. He said that one of the Recreation and Park Department staff took actions that were contrary to the outcome of a public hearing. He felt there was a need to streamline the open space process and personally did not have any confidence in it.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the report identifies the group ages 19-29 as a major population group in the Mission. The Open Space Program staff will consider the needs of such population groups in future meetings.

Commissioner Sommer said that there have been a number of community meetings on the Dolores Park Soccer Field issue because the parameters described by the community keep changing.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that there are at least 4 different alternate layouts for the playground. Commissioner Rovetti explained that he was a former soccer player and understood the needs of the game of soccer.

**13. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
PON & HOM FOOD CONCESSIONAIRE  
EXTENSION OF LEASE**

Approval of one year lease extension to Pon and Hom food concessionaire, effective September 30, 1994 - September 29, 1995.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Pon and Hom concessionaire has been associated with the Department for some time. There have been problems with this concessionaire in the past. A few years ago, a settlement was reached with them over claims that had been filed by both the concessionaire and the Department. The settlement provided that Pon and Hom would receive a 2 year extension to their lease with a one year option at the Commission's discretion in return for giving up certain concession rights in Golden Gate Park. Since that settlement, the concessionaire has performed as promised and has improved the appearance of the concession stand behind the Bandshell in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park. Pon and Hom has moved its concession stand out of the way of construction of the Bandshell and continues to meet its financial obligation to the Department. Staff recommended approving a one year option to their lease. If that option is approved, the percentage rent will increase by 2%, giving the Department 25% of revenues.



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**13. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
PON & HOM FOOD CONCESSIONAIRE  
EXTENSION OF LEASE (Continued)**

Staff does not like the appearance of the food trucks, nor do the institutions in the park. The food trucks have all of the cash register equipment which the Department required the concessionaire to install as a result of one of the past audits. Staff plans to move away from the mobile trucks and use push carts which are more attractive and fit better with the Music Concourse. However, staff would like to do that in concert with the Museums, the Academy of Sciences and the Friends of Recreation and Parks. The change also needs to take place in the context of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan which is now being developed and upon completion of the construction of the Bandshell.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the mobile food stands are identified with a sign that says Golden Gate Park although there was no requirement to paint them green. There have been many proposals to repaint the stands white, or green, or to even place a mural on one of them. There is also an issue regarding accessibility. Mr. Dennis Chan of the Property Management Division contacted the State Architect who informed him that mobile concessions have different standards for disabled access than fixed concessions.

Commissioner Rovetti said the mobile stands are unsightly and do not belong in the Music Concourse area.

Mr. Arnold concurred with the statement made by Commissioner Rovetti but said the issue is whether the Department should consider changing the food trucks at this time. He felt that it was wise to extend the lease for one year so that staff will have time to consider the many issues previously discussed.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16853**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the one year lease extension to Pon and Hom food concessionaire, effective September 30, 1994 - September 29, 1995.

**14. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS  
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES**

Consideration to increase food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that initially staff recommended a reduction of 16 items that were slated for increase. The basis for making that recommendation was that the comparable prices submitted by Volume Services, the concessionaire at Candlestick Park, indicated that the prices being requested were higher than comparable prices they submitted. The Commission's responsibility is to review and approve prices charged at Candlestick Park but that approval cannot be unreasonably withheld.



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**14. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS  
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)**

In the past, the Commission has viewed unreasonable by what is charged at other stadiums. Volume Services provided a list of comparables. Two separate survey were done and the first one did not include Yankee Stadium. The first survey included rates charged at the Cow Palace, Oakland and Los Angeles Coliseums, Los Angeles Forum and San Jose Arena. Yankee Stadium charges higher prices for some of the food/beverage items.

At the Committee level, Volume Services presented evidence that what they had said were comparables truly were not due to size, appearance or quality. For example, the issue of size applied to french fries, sour dough chili, Chinese chicken salad, clam chowder, and pizza slice, as these items offered at Candlestick Park are larger in weight or volume. There are several issues relating to what is comparable or reasonable. There are a few items that are proposed for a greater price than what is charged at other stadiums. Those items are the malt cup, fruit bar, helmet sundae, and peanuts.

**Jack Bair**, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, explained that the 49ers are not present but support the price increase. He urged the Commission to support the price increase as well and stressed that food and beverages can be brought into Candlestick Park which is not true for all stadiums.

**Marcia Smolens**, representing Volume Services, explained that the price adjustments for this year are part of an entire food and beverage program and package at Candlestick Park. The cost includes increased labor costs and the capital improvements. The one major change that the customer said occurred at Candlestick Park last year was the better quality in food service. Volume Services has made improvements to benefit the customer.

**Greg Johnson**, representing Volume Services, explained that people are not required to purchase food at Candlestick Park. He said that they plan to introduce an item called a Value Meal which will give a small size hot dog, a small drink and small bag of peanuts for \$3.50. Volume Services continues to add a large amount of new products. They have experienced increased labor costs and inflation costs. He said the pricing is designed to provide additional revenue to the 49ers and Giants. He noted that some of the comparables are 1993 prices rather than 1994 prices and show disparity.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said that one of the amendments to the 49ers lease provided an increase in the Stadium Operator Admission Tax in exchange for the City giving the 49ers the concession rights.

Vice President Mazzola was prepared to approve the price increase request and was pleased that a value meal was being offered for children. He hoped that Volume Services would continue to consider the prices charged for food items for children and to keep them at a reasonable level.



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14. **CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**  
**FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)**

Commissioner Sommer felt it was a mistake to raise prices at this time since the Commission just approved an increase in parking and ticket prices for baseball. Families pay for all of the increased prices and even though one does not have to purchase these items, part of the enjoyment of a baseball game is having a hot dog. She felt that she had an obligation to consider the fees being charged to the public and was opposed to the increases.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16853**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the following food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>Approved Price</b>
<b>SOFT DRINKS</b>			
Soft Drink	12 oz.	\$1.25	No Change
Soft Drink	16 oz.	1.75	2.00
Soft Drink	24 oz.	2.50	2.75
Soft Drink - Souvenir Cup	30 oz.	3.00	3.25
<b>HOT DRINKS</b>			
Hot Drink	12 oz.	1.25	No Change
Hot Drink	18 oz.	1.75	No Change
<b>IMPORT AND SPECIALTY BEER</b>			
Import/Micro Bottled Beer		4.25	4.50
Domestic/Non Alcohol Beer	12 oz.	3.50	3.75
Import/Micro Draft	16 oz.	4.75	5.25
<b>DRAFT BEER</b>			
Draft Beer	14 oz.	3.50	3.75
Draft Beer	20 oz.	4.25	4.50
Draft Beer - Souvenir Cup	20 oz.	4.75	5.00
<b>WINE</b>			
Wine Cooler		3.00	3.50
Wine	10 oz.	3.00	3.50
<b>COCKTAILS</b>			
Bar - Hot Cup	16 oz.	4.75	No Change
Bar - Clear	8 oz.	4.50	No Change
Bar - Logo	8 oz.	5.00	No Change
<b>HOT DOGS AND SAUSAGES</b>			
10-1 Kiddie Dog	1.8 oz.	New Item	1.25
6-1 Hot Dog	2.7 oz.	2.00	2.50
4-1 Hot Dog	4.0 oz.	2.75	3.25
5-1 Turkey Dog		2.00	2.25
6-1 Polish Sausage		3.00	3.25
6-1 Hot Link		3.00	3.50
4-1 Gourmet Sausage		3.25	3.50
<b>VALUE MEAL</b>			
Hot Dog, Drink and Peanuts		4.50	3.50





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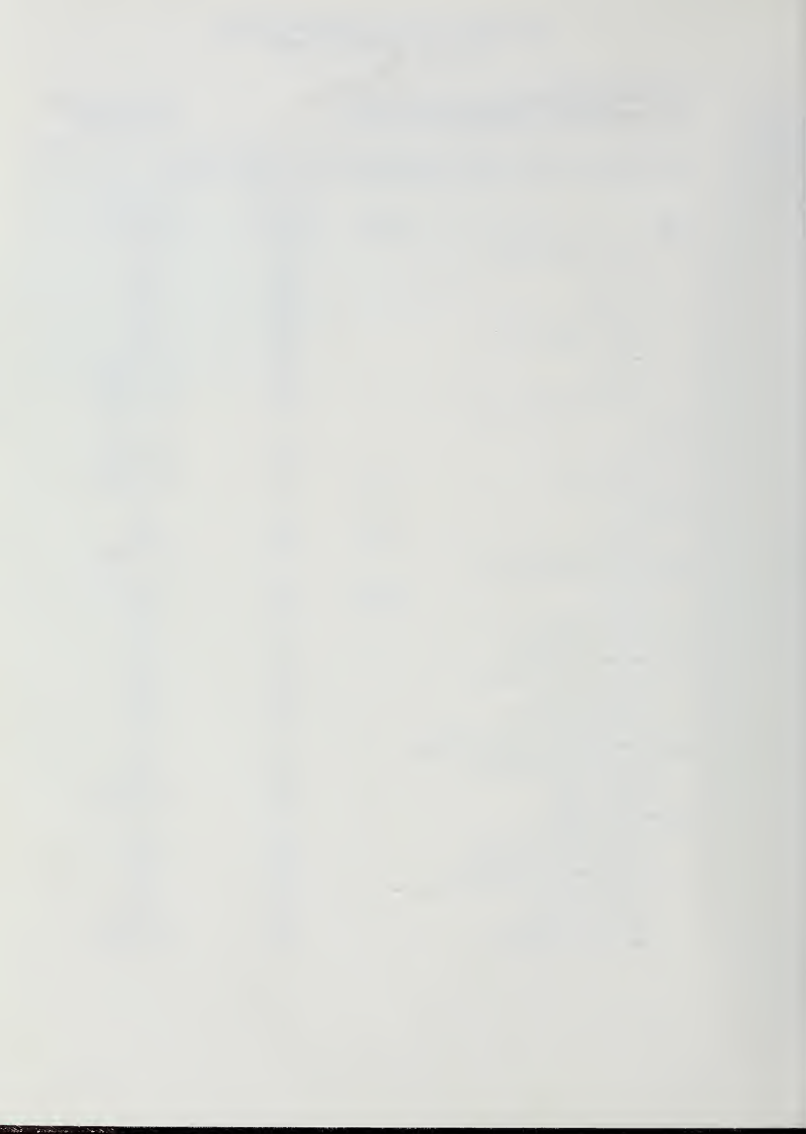
14. **CANDLESTICK PARK**

**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS  
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 16853  
(Continued)**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the following food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Approved Price</u>
<b>ICE CREAM AND NOVELTIES</b>			
Frozen Yogurt Cone		\$1.50	\$1.75
Malt Cup		2.00	2.25
Drumstick		2.00	2.25
Fruit Bar		2.00	2.25
Dreyers Ice Cream		2.50	2.75
Helmet Sundae		3.00	3.25
Dove Bar		3.50	No Change
Fudgecycle		1.50	No Change
Ice Cream Cup		2.00	No Change
Vanilla Raspberry Swirl		3.00	No Change
<b>NACHOS</b>			
Nachos		2.75	No Change
Nachos Grande		4.50	No Change
Cheese Cup	4 oz.	.50	No Change
<b>PEANUTS</b>			
Peanuts	3 oz.	1.25	1.50
Peanuts	8 oz.	3.25	3.50
No-Salt Peanuts		1.75	No Change
<b>POPCORN AND SOFT PRETZELS</b>			
Popcorn	32 oz.	1.50	2.00
Popcorn	85 oz.	2.75	3.00
Soft Pretzel		1.75	2.00
<b>SPECIALTY SANDWICHES</b>			
Chicken Sandwich		3.50	3.75
Garlic Clove Chicken		4.75	5.25
3-1 Hamburger		2.75	3.25
Vegetarian Burger		3.50	3.75
Hot Sandwich		4.75	5.25
<b>FRENCH FRIES AND BAKED POTATOES</b>			
Regular French Fries		2.50	2.75
Baked Potato		3.00	3.25
Potato Chips		2.00	No Change
<b>SOUPS AND SALADS</b>			
Sourdough Bowl/Chili		5.00	5.25
Chinese Chicken Salad		5.00	5.25
Clam Chowder Bread Bowl		4.00	4.50
Seafood Salad in Bread Bowl		7.00	7.25
Shrimp Cocktail		6.00	6.25
Salada Salmagundi		5.50	No Change
Hot Soups Salmagundi		3.50	No Change



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14. **CANDLESTICK PARK**

**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS  
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 16853  
(Continued)**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the following food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Approved Price</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIALTY FOOD ITEMS</b>			
Combo Plate		8.00	8.25
Crab Cocktail		6.00	6.25
Crabcakes		7.00	7.25
Fried Vegetables		3.50	3.75
Fruit & Cheese Plate		7.00	7.25
Shrimp - Breaded		8.00	8.25
Churros		1.50	No Change
Chicken Chow Mein		5.50	No Change
Nacho Grande Compadres		4.75	No Change
Chicken Chimichanga		4.00	No Change
Dim Sum Plate		7.00	No Change
Giant Burrito		4.75	5.25
Five Layer Dip		4.75	No Change
Taco Salad		5.75	No Change
Egg Rolls		1.75	2.00
Classic Sub		4.75	No Change
Chili Cheese Dog		3.50	No Change
Vegetable Chow Mein		4.50	No Change
Chili Bowl		5.00	No Change
BBQ Pork Buns		2.75	No Change
Fried Won Ton		3.50	No Change
Chili Chicken Wings		4.50	No Change
Guacamole		1.50	No Change
Seafood Taquito		4.50	No Change
Beef Taco Tray		3.75	No Change
Sliced Pizza		3.75	No Change
<b>CAKES, COOKIES AND CANDY</b>			
Cakes		5.50	No Change
Chocolate Chip Cookies		2.75	No Change
Eclaire		2.75	No Change
Gourmet Cheesecake		2.75	No Change
Red Rope/Candy		1.50	1.75
Gourmet Cookies (Two Pack)		2.75	3.00
Cracker Jacks		1.75	No Change
Cotton Candy	Small	2.00	No Change
Cotton Candy	Large	3.00	No Change
Biscotti		1.25	No Change
Cookie - Salmagundi		1.25	No Change
Pastries & Cookies Oh La La		1.75	2.00
Double Chocolate Brownie		2.00	2.00
Crunch Bar		2.50	No Change



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14. **CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**  
**FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)**

RES. NO. 16853  
(Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the following food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Approved Price</u>
<b>SPECIALTY BEVERAGES AND JUICES</b>			
Milk	12 oz.	1.50	No Change
Bottled Water		2.00	2.50
Apple Juice Box		3.00	No Change
Berry Juice		3.00	No Change
Canadian		3.00	No Change
Crystal Geyser Mineral Water		3.00	No Change
Odwal Juice		3.00	No Change
Odwal Lemonade		3.00	No Change
Orange Juice		3.00	No Change
Cran Berry Juice		3.00	No Change
Cafe Mocha		3.00	No Change
Cappuccino		3.00	No Change
Gourmet Coffee		1.75	2.00
Cafe Latte		3.00	No Change
Hot Cider - Salmagundi		3.00	No Change
Sno Cap		3.00	No Change
Mexican Hot Chocolate		2.00	No Change
Coffee - Salmagundi		2.00	No Change

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti

Noes: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

15. **CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**EXTERIOR SIGNAGE/ADVERTISING**

Approval of exterior signage including advertising at Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is tied into the Sony Scoreboard amendment. Last December, the Commission approved the concept of additional signage for the Sony Scoreboard Agreement. In 1991, the Commission approved the placement of exterior gate signage but is required to approve each individual sign under the terms of the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

At the Committee level, there was testimony that there is a master plan for signage at Candlestick Park. A suggestion was made that all of the exterior signage should coincide with the Master Plan. Staff has spoken with the person who sells advertising space for Sony and they have agreed to make sure that the advertising conforms with the Master Plan signage.



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15. **CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**EXTERIOR SIGNAGE/ADVERTISING** (Continued)

Mr. Arnold requested approval to place three 100 square foot gate signs at Plaza A, Plaza E and Plaza F. The secondary issue which is a more substantial policy issue for the Commission is whether two large information signs including commercial advertising, that are 800 square feet, should be placed at the entry ways to the parking lot at Candlestick Park. These signs are not part of the Sony agreement although they are included in the amendment to the Sony agreement. These larger signs would require approval from the City Planning Commission. The signs are quite tall and would be placed on 40' poles. They are not visible from the freeways but will greet the patrons to Candlestick Park.

This issue raises many questions regarding commercial advertising on park property. At the Committee level, the point was made that if the 2 large signs were approved, it would be approved recognizing that Candlestick Park is a very different facility from anything else Recreation and Park operates. Candlestick Park is a commercial sports enterprise whose primary purpose is to exhibit football/baseball events and there is a separate allowance for commercial signage inside Candlestick Park in the City's Planning Code. However, the signs outside the stadium are not covered in the Planning Code. Mr. Arnold stressed, once again, that approval of these signs should not be considered a precedent and is an exception because of the unique nature of Candlestick Park.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold explained that this Commission has previously approved the prohibition of advertising for tobacco but has not prohibited the advertising of the sale of alcohol. He said that the Commission should not assume that the sale of alcohol will not be on these signs.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16855**

RESOLVED, That<sup>^</sup> this Commission approves the proposed signage at Candlestick Park entry gates A, E and F under the provisions of the Sony Scoreboard Agreement, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed message signs at the entry gates to the Candlestick Park parking lot as a specific exception to the general policy of discouraging commercial advertising on park property. This exception is based on the fact that Candlestick Park is a stadium used primarily for paid sporting events and is therefore inherently different from other public parks, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission shall request the City Planning Commission to approve an amendment to the Planning Code which would allow the installation of message signs at the entry gates to the Candlestick Park parking lot.





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**15a. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
BANNERS**

Approval to install banners on Herbst Road, adjacent to the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that permission is requested to install banners on Herbst Boulevard adjacent to the Zoo. Two sets of banners will be installed, one on Sloat Boulevard and one on Herbst Road. Sloat Boulevard is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Zoo has already received permission and processed permits from DPW to place the banners on Sloat Boulevard. Mr. Anderson requested approval to place 36" x 72" canvas banners on Herbst Road. The banners are 14' off the street and will come with a year round maintenance.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16856

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the installation of banners on Herbst Road, adjacent to the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

**15b. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SONY SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT  
SECOND AMENDMENT**

Approval of the final language to the second amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission approved the second amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement in December but that the Commission needed to approve the actual language. The language calls for increases in the maintenance expense for the scoreboard, and the allowance for merchandising expenses to reflect actual and projected experience. The second amendment extends the Sony Scoreboard agreement to March 31, 2001. The extension of the agreement will give the City \$1 Million in the final year; the City currently receives approximately \$300,000 a year. The new scoreboard is supposed to have a ten year lifespan and will be paid off in six years.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16857

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the final language of the second amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.



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4:00 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session.

16. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Margaret Barry in the amount of \$25,000.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16858

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Margaret Barry in the amount of \$25,000.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioners Immendorf

17. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Chloe Lipton in the amount of \$10,000.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16859

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Chloe Lipton in the amount of \$10,000, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the other claims of the parties to this action not be settled.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioners Sommer

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Hobie, representing Magic Skates, discussed David Miles and Golden Gate Skate Patrol. She reference a magazine that listed activities that Mr. Miles will be conducting in Golden Gate Park and said he continues to promote his business at 6th Avenue and John F. Kennedy Drive every Sunday. She said that Mr. Miles distributes flyers in the park and when she contacted the Police Department for assistance she was referred to the Recreation and Park Department. She wanted to be afforded the same treatment that is given to Mr. Miles and to use a sound system to promote her business. She explained that she is harassed by Mr. Miles.



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**18. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that Mr. Miles is able to distribute flyers as it is a right protected by the First Amendment. If a table is set up to distribute flyers or more than 25 people plan to distribute flyers, then a permit is required. In the 1970s the Commission took action and established the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol which allowed Mr. Miles to operate in the park. Mr. Miles has been informed that he does not have a permit for a sound system. However, the Police Department feels the decibel level of the sound system does not actually constitute a sound system and therefore they will not enforce that as a violation. Ms. Burns further explained that the Police Department has had undercover agents visit the site and has not found Mr. Miles selling or conducting a business in the park.

President Immendorf suggested that the rollerskating issue be calendared for a future meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Jim B. Clarke, representing the Golden Gate Park Tennis Club, and was present to inform the Commission that they will be celebrating the 100 anniversary of the establishment of tennis courts in Golden Gate Park. They plan on having activities year round and will kick off the celebration on Saturday, May 14, 1994. He asked the Commission to lend its public support to the year long celebration and wanted to be given permission to use additional tennis courts for the celebration.

Ms. Burns suggested that he contact Department staff regarding reserving tennis courts for the event.

Al Cavey, representing the Harbor Tenants Association, said he was concerned whether fellow commissioners were receiving adequate information from Committee meetings. He said the Action Calendar for the Golf, Yacht Harbor Committee are not detailed and referenced a 2/7/94 Action Calendar that only listed one person addressing the Committee. He said the considerable public comment was taken at that meeting that are not reflected in the Action Calendar. He did not understand why all of the comments made by the public were not listed on the Action Calendar.

Commission Secretary Shauna Marie Rose, explained that the Commission does not take minutes of Committee meetings. When people testify on a specific item, the comments of each person are not listed on the Action Calendar. However, if somebody speaks under the item entitled Public Comment, the person's name and subject matter are noted for the record.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Rose explained that minutes are not taken of Committee meetings due to lack of staff. Ms. Burns further explained that generally speaking the chair of the Committee will characterize and inform fellow commissioners of the Committee meetings.

Mr. Cavey said he was concerned that perhaps 40 people spoke at a Committee meeting and the Action Calendar does not reference any of those speakers.



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**18. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Emeric Kalman, explained that the public may not know the procedures because they were never clearly explained. He said he did not understand the procedure himself. He further explained that a recent article in the Bay Guardian which wrote about the recent Sunshine Ordinance says that memos and other records intended for distribution to the Commission in connection with a matter to be discussed in public must be accessible upon request. He further explained that he has written letters and has not received a response from the Commission. He recently wrote a letter regarding the portable restrooms and wanted to know when he was going to receive a response to his letters. He asked for accountability for the Marina.

President Immendorf said that he read with interest Mr. Kalman's recent letter regarding portable restrooms and planned to respond to his letter. He further explained there is not sufficient staff to take minutes for all of the Committee meetings of the Recreation and Park Commission.

**19. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Note: The President did not submit a report.

**20. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of February 2, 1994  
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of February 23, 1994  
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of March 1, 1994  
Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of March 3, 1994  
Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of March 7, 1994

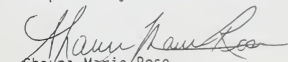
**21. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Zelma Buffin, mother of Greg Buffin on the Aquatics Division, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Stella Mazzola, aunt of Commissioner Larry Mazzola, who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the  
691st Meeting of the Recreation and Park  
Commission was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna-Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary





San Francisco, California  
April 21, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

692ND REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Second Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 21, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

Absent:

Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 1994, were approved as presented.

**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"*BUDGET UPDATE* The Mayor's budget staff continues to ask us for additional information regarding our budget request for the 1994-95 fiscal year. Specifically, we have been asked to provide more information about program enhancements for the aquatics program, neighborhood parks improvements and private fundraising efforts for Golden Gate Park. We have also been asked to provide information on reductions in overtime expenditures and travel expenses. At the same time, there are strong indications that the General Fund support of \$9.4 million on which our budget request was based may be reduced. No official word has been received, but the budget meeting scheduled with the Mayor on April 14 was canceled and has not been rescheduled. In addition, the Mayor's budget staff has imposed a freeze on hiring for the rest of the current fiscal year. Although we believe that the freeze will not apply to hiring for Camp Mather and the Workreation Program, all other requests to fill existing authorized positions have been denied.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

**GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES** The bids for the Golden Gate Park Stables operation were originally due on April 14. However, we received several requests for information from prospective bidders which resulted in a clarification letter which was sent to all bidders regarding specific construction requirements. At the same time, the date to receive bids was extended to May 5 in order to allow bidders adequate time to adjust their proposals to the requirements contained in the clarification letter.

**GRAND JURY REPORT - GOLF COURSES** We have received a report from the Grand Jury which again targets the golf operations at Harding and Sharp Park. Much of the report is a restatement of last year's Grand Jury report. There are no new recommendations in the report. Staff is now preparing a written response to the Grand Jury.

**PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB** The Pacific Rod and Gun Club has written to the Regional Water Quality Control Board outlining the steps they are taking to comply with the Board's order to discontinue use of lead shot and clay pigeons. The use of lead shot must be discontinued by October 1, 1994. The club has confirmed that they are researching alternatives to clay targets, but they have not been provided with a compliance date by the Board.

**ZOO Eagle Chicks:** The Zoo's eagle breeding program has successfully hatched three chicks to date with more to come. The first chick to hatch this year has been placed in a foster nest on Catalina Island. **Black Rhino** We received a seven-year-old male black rhino from Potter Park in Lansing, Michigan. This is an important part of the international species survival program. **Ostrich:** The Zoo received a male ostrich from Pittsburgh Zoo. He will be on public view after he clears quarantine. **Otter Exhibit:** The grand opening of the new otter exhibit is planned for May 14, 1994. It will feature a fish feeder, rocks, plants, waterfalls and water slides for the otters to enjoy. **Ad Campaign:** The Zoo is sporting a new look. The banners you approved have already been placed on Sloat Boulevard and Zoo Road leading into the Zoo. Also, a television ad campaign is underway that features children who share their impressions after having visited the Zoo. These ads should appear on television within the next month.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES** There are many volunteer activities occurring in our parks throughout the year.\* On one day alone last weekend, we had over 100 volunteers and Youth Service Corps workers at Mission Playground; Friends of McKinley Square picked up trash throughout the park, chopped down wild fennel weeds and spread woodchips on a path; and 180 people turned out to weed, spread chips, clear elm suckers and plant some magnolia trees in the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park.

This coming Saturday, 300 young people will celebrate Earth Day in Golden Gate Park by taking part in the fourth annual Youth Service Day. Middle and high school youth will be pulling weeds, clearing ivy and elm suckers, painting out graffiti and picking up trash throughout the Park. This event is sponsored by the Department in conjunction with the Volunteer Center, Youth Advisory Council, School Volunteers and Clean City Coalition.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*CAMP MATHER* In the last few years due to several years of drought, there has been a significant increase in the number of dead trees that have had to be removed or safety reasons. In the past, the logs have usually been burned, which wastes a resource and is a concern in terms of air pollution. Now, several parties have expressed an interest in buying the logs that are produced. The Department expects to sell the logs to the highest bidder. There will be a cost avoidance of \$5,000-6,000 and revenue generated of approximately \$4,000. We have received necessary approval by the State Department of Forestry.

*LANDSCAPE GARDEN SHOW* The Ninth Annual San Francisco Landscape Garden Show sponsored by Friends of Recreation and Parks will be held April 20-24, 1994, at Fort Mason. This year's show, "A Fair to Remember," celebrates the 1894 California Midwinter Exposition, with many of the exhibits featuring design themes from the 1894 fair. In addition to the garden exhibits, the show features a variety of activities, including a flower show, a marketplace, garden talks and a children's activity area. The Landscape Garden Show attracts thousands of visitors and raises funds for special recreation and park projects. It raises a significant amount of money for the Department each year.

*McATEER HIGH SCHOOL ECOLOGY PROGRAM* Recreation and Park Department staff has met with McAteer High School officials and teachers to initiate an ecology program using Glen Canyon Park as an outdoor classroom. The proposal includes the incorporation of various aspects of the canyon ecology and history into the school curriculum in the form of class projects. These projects would provide a valuable education for McAteer students as well as benefit the park by enhancing and restoring important habitat. An example of a class project would be the establishment of a plant nursery on school property to propagate and cultivate native plants to be used in habitat restoration projects. In addition, some of the native plant stock in the proposed nursery could be sold to residents near the canyon as further encouragement to avoid the planting of invasive, non-native plants. These types of class projects will not only encourage a sense of stewardship and park pride among the students, but will also build a positive and long-lasting relationship with the neighboring community and the Department. We are very excited about the collaboration. The program was proposed by former Commissioner Luisa Ezquerro.

*PALACE OF FINE ARTS LAGOON* In his column of April 15, 1994, Herb Caen criticized the Recreation and Park Department for its poor maintenance of the lagoon at the Palace of Fine Arts. For your information, a three-day volunteer clean-up of the lake has been planned with the Exploratorium this weekend. Further, lake maintenance is a problem generally throughout the system due to budget cuts. In addition, we have discontinued the use of chemicals we previously used out of environmental concern. A copy of my response to Mr. Caen's column is attached.

*CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS ROSE HOUSE* Yesterday, the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board approved the demolition of the Rose House out of concern for public safety and its dilapidated condition. The Department will work with the Bureau of Architecture to schedule the demolition, and plans and specifications will be completed for the reconstruction of the Rose House. A fundraising strategy will be developed to pay for the reconstruction.

*SF TEEN* At your places you will find the April 1994 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*NEWSLETTER* At your places is the spring 1994 edition of Update, the newsletter published jointly by the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Recreation and Park Department. Compliments are due to Robert Zinkhon, newsletter editor and member of the Friends Board. Appreciation also goes to Jessica McClintock, sponsor of this edition of the newsletter. The newsletter is distributed to members of the Friends and employees of the Department.

*STRYBING ARBORETUM PLANT SALE* At your places you will find a brochure announcing Strybing Arboretum Society's 27th Annual Plant Sale on April 29 and 30, 1994, at the San Francisco County Fair Building. A members only preview sale is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, April 29. The public sale is from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

*URBAN PARK AND RECREATION ALLIANCE* I will be attending the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance spring meeting in New York, May 2-7, 1994. During my absence, Phil Arnold will serve as Acting General Manager.

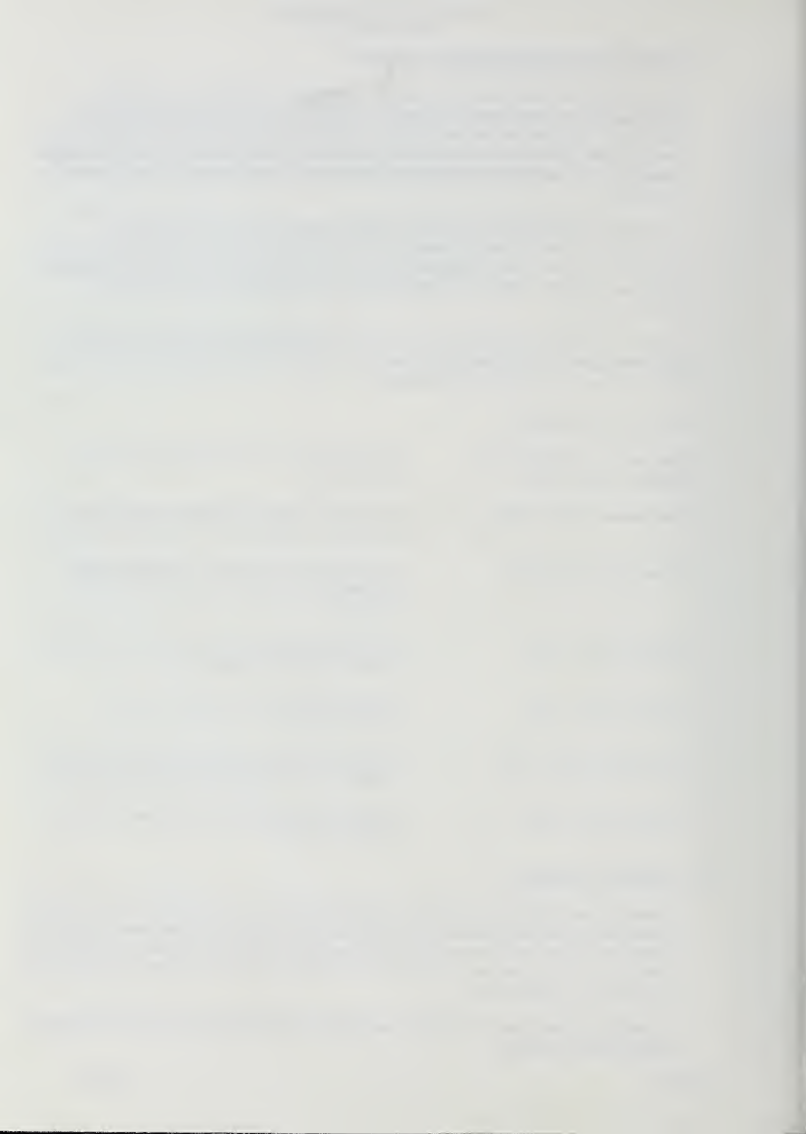
#### *DATES TO REMEMBER*

Wednesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 24, 1994	San Francisco Landscape Garden Show; Fort Mason Center
Wednesday, April 27, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 3:00 p.m.; Louis Sutter Playground, University and Wayland
Thursday, April 28, 1994	Joint Meeting of Recreation and Park and City Planning Commissions; 1:30 p.m., Room 282, City Hall
Monday, May 2, 1994	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, May 3, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, May 4, 1994	Special Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 5:00 p.m., Golden Gate Park Senior Center, 37th Ave/Fulton
Thursday, May 5, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:





**4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

**a. PERSONNEL MATTERS RES. NO. 16860**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period March 2, 1994 through April 1, 1994.

**b. COLERIDGE STREET MINI PARK RES. NO. 16861  
PARK CLOSURE FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M.**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission grants approval to place signage to close Coleridge Street Mini Park from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**c. GLEN PARK RECREATION CENTER RES. NO. 16862  
GLEN CANYON  
PARK CLOSURE FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M.**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission grants approval to place signage to close Glen Park Recreation Center and Glen Canyon from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., events excluded.

**d. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 16863**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission accepts a gift of \$50.00 from Triad Orchid Society, for the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

**e. RANDALL MUSEUM RES. NO. 16864  
MASTER PLAN FOR EXHIBITION PROGRAM**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the Randall Museum's Master Plan for exhibition program.

**f. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 16865  
POLICY APPROVAL - VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department's Policy prohibiting violence in the workplace as follows:

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is seriously committed to protecting the safety and welfare of its work force. The Department requires employees to treat fellow workers and members of the public with courtesy and respect. Employees may not threaten fellow workers or members of the public verbally or in any other manner. The Department will not tolerate employee assaults, battery, or threats of violence in the workplace.

Employees are prohibited from bringing weapons to the job, unless required by the employer. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms and knives.

Employees have the responsibility of reporting threats or acts of violence to their respective supervisors. Supervisors or other Departmental representatives have the responsibility to investigate all reported incidents of threats of violence or violent acts and to take appropriate action.



4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

g. YOUNGBLOOD COLEMAN PLAYGROUND  
REMOVAL OF PLAY STRUCTURE

RES. NO. 16866

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the removal of the play structure at Youngblood Coleman Playground.

i. GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ASSESSMENT FEE

RES. NO. 16867

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to increase membership dues from \$25.00 to \$40.00 per month and to impose a one time membership assessment of \$150 per member for the Golden Gate Yacht Club, effective May 1, 1994.

*Note for the Record: Item 4h was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

h. CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS  
CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION  
AMENDMENT TO BUDGET

Approval of amendments to the Conservatory Foundation annual budget and spending plan.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Conservatory Foundation has asked permission to increase its capital budget expenditures for the Conservatory to restore the demonstration benches at a cost of \$40,000. The Foundation has only \$13,000 remaining in its approved capital account and has therefore requested an amendment to increase their capital budget by \$27,000. The Foundation has also asked to reduce their projected budgeted revenue account by \$44,000. The Conservatory Foundation has pledged to not reduce the money they have pledged for the operation of the Conservatory (\$32,100) and, if necessary, will make adjustments to its other accounts. Based on this promise, staff recommended approval of the amendment to the Conservatory Foundation budget. The Foundation has pledged to make up the deficit with private funds and to reduce administrative costs if required. Mr. Arnold further explained that next month the Commission will accept a "gift in place" for restoration of the Conservatory benches.

Commissioner Sommer did not see any reference to the Foundation's unrestricted funds. Mr. Arnold explained that under their agreement the Foundation is not obligated to furnish any information on their unrestricted funds; rather it is required to report money raised through gifts, bequests, rental income and the gift shop.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:



**h. CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS  
CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION  
AMENDMENT TO BUDGET (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 16867**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves amendments to the Conservatory Foundation annual budget and spending plan to decrease projected revenues by \$44,000 and increase capital project expenditures by \$27,000 with the understanding that any deficit in the budget will be financed from the Foundation's unrestricted funds.

**GENERAL CALENDAR**

**5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
ZOO MASTER PLAN**

Presentation on the Zoo 2000 Master Plan for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

**Zoo Director, David Anderson**, explained that the Zoo Master Plan has added a number of new exhibit components to better carry out its mission of conservation of animals and education of the public about the animals. The Zoo is organized into five zoogeographic zones: the African complex, Montane and Tropical Asia region, the South American region, and the North American region which will be the Children's Zoo. The plan calls for a new entry and promenade which will act as a "Main Street" because there are currently a number of pathways that go in many directions. As visitors loop around the Zoo they can always return to the main artery of the Zoo. The land use will be set aside for exhibit space, open space, service areas and semi-public areas. The exhibits will be large and naturalistic and give an opportunity for the visitor to get close to the animals and still be safe. Within each exhibit there will be a large support area, to hold some animals off exhibit, for breeding purposes. The plan is encompassed with the philosophy of what is called a "Zoo web" so that the visitor can interact and assist with the Zoo, and be responsible for the Zoo. The intent is to have the public be responsible for and have an awareness for the Zoo foundation so they will become involved in wildlife and environmental issues.

**6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
REVISIONS TO THE ZOO 2000 MASTER PLAN**

Approval to make revisions to the Zoo 2000 Master Plan for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

**Zoo Director, David Anderson**, explained that in Item 5 he requested revisions to the Zoo 2000 Master Plan which was conceptually approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in 1986. The plan was reviewed in 1991 and is now being prepared for the City's environmental review process. Upon completion of the environmental review process the Plan will be brought before the Commission for final approval so the balance of the plan can be implemented. Environmental review has already been received for such exhibits as the Feline Conservation Center, the Leopard and Orang Exhibit, and the Mammal Conservation Center. Mr. Anderson outlined the proposed revisions to the Zoo 2000 Master Plan:



## **6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**

### **REVISIONS TO THE ZOO 2000 MASTER PLAN (Continued)**

- ♦The South America area has been switched with the Australian area.
- ♦The service area has been increased in size because the Zoo is adding recycling zones, more space for horticultural needs and additional space for Zoo vehicles.
- ♦In order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) the Zoo will install accessible ramps and a new restroom at the front gate. Better signage and hardware will be installed throughout the Zoo.
- ♦The Avian Conservation Center will be remain in the footprint of the Zoo. Formerly, it was to be located off the Zoo grounds as part of the mitigation measures from the Clean Water Program. The Clean Water Project is now complete and the Avian Conservation Center will be able to remain on Zoo grounds.
- ♦A change of sequence is requested to construct one of the South American exhibits on top of the old monkey island complex. The monkey island exhibit is an historic area for the public and many people recognize it. It has been barren for some time due to USDA and Cal Osha violations. Staff proposes constructing the South American Gateway exhibit on this site during Phase I so that this area will have an exhibit. during the first five year of the Zoo 2000 Plan.
- ♦The next major exhibits in Phase I are the Leopards of Asia exhibit and the Orang exhibit. The current concrete tripple grotto area for oranges is too small. The African Exhibit, which was initially part of Phase I, will be shifted to Phase II.

The Zoo wide renovations to be accomplished over the five year period are the otter exhibit, the outdoor aviary, flamingo exhibit and the bunker exhibits to the east of the Lion House. When we complete these projects which also include reforestation, signage, fencing, etc., and will significantly change the appearance of the Zoo.

♦The Earthquake Bond was approved in 1990 and the \$26 Million infrastructure work that is slated for the Zoo will take place very soon. Many of the existing utilities are very old and dilapidated and some are over 70 years old. Many of the utilities are deteriorated and in need of a new system. The plan is to provide the Zoo with one major utility system such as a loop system, to provide a single utility corridor . Because some of the exhibits run through exhibit areas there is a need to build a site for some of the birds and mammals during construction.

Therefore, the Zoo will provide the avian and mammal conservation center to hold animals that are displaced by the infrastructure construction. The mammal conservation center to be built will have one major building for food preparation, storage, and several barns, one which is designed to hold larger animals and one which is designed to hold smaller animals.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's comments, Mr. Anderson explained that 44 banners were placed on Sloat Boulevard and four more along Herbst Road, on the south side of the Zoo. They are multi colored banners that display the Zoo's new logo.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:





**6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
REVISIONS TO THE ZOO 2000 MASTER PLAN (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 16869**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the revisions to the Zoo 2000 Master Plan for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

**7. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET**

Approval of the 1994-95 capital improvement budget for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

**Zoo Director, David Anderson**, explained that the capital budget he requested is sufficient for the projects he previously outlined in Item 6. It will cost \$4.5 Million to complete the Feline Conservation Center, begin the South American exhibit, some of the initial design work on the Leopards of Asia exhibit and to begin the Zoo wide improvements and renovations.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16870**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the 1994-95 capital improvement budget for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

**8. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
CORPORATION YARD  
UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK**

Approval of underground fuel tank replacement adjacent to the Corporation Yard, Golden Gate Park.

*Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.*

**9. PORTSMOUTH SQUARE  
PHASE III SCHEMATIC PLAN**

Approval of Phase III schematic plan for Portsmouth Square.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, requested approval of the Phase III lower improvement plan for Portsmouth Square. The Commission previously reviewed the overall master plan for Portsmouth Square. The existing play area for small children will be renovated; a disabled access ramp will be installed to give access to the upper and lower level of the Square. The Square will be bordered with more vegetation than currently exists to buffer the site line of the garage and because the building is stark. A community room will be built underneath the bridge but it will project outward in order to increase the amount of light entering the room.



**9. PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**  
**PHASE III SCHEMATIC PLAN (Continued)**

Staff met with the Arts Commission to review the color scheme for the outside of the building and are considering a reddish hue. This hue would wrap around the entire building. The community area will be a multi-purpose room, approximately 1300 square feet, with a kitchen area and a low counter. Restrooms are located in the back and have two entries, one from the outdoor and one from inside the building. The outdoor entry can be gated so that the restrooms are accessible only through the building. Ms. Learner recommended approval of the Phase III plan.

On recommendation of the Special Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16871**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the Phase III schematic plan for Portsmouth Square

**10. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**PERMIT FEE/ROAD CLOSURE**  
**BAY TO BREAKERS RACE**

Approval of road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway and revision to the permit fee for the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, from 7:00 am to 3:30 p.m.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, there had been a number of changes in this year's Bay to Breakers event. The road closures remain the same from previous races, however, the race promoter will bring buses into the park which has not been done before (a shuttle service to bring runners to starting point of race). The Examiner will also administer the paid parking program in the West end of the park. Last year, the paid parking program was initiated to reduce the impact of vehicular traffic on the park. Rather than having the Department administer this program the race sponsor will take care of it.

The second issue pertains to the permit fee. On July 1, 1993, the Commission raised the permit fee for the first time in many years from \$.50 to \$1.00 per participant for paid athletic events. The Examiner Bay to Breakers has informed the Department that they have lost a significant number of their corporate underwriters and that they would like to propose a \$30,000 permit fee (the fee paid last year) and want relief from the approved participant fee schedule.

Ms. Burns sympathized with the plight of the sponsor, but felt that the Department was also struggling with its budget. The Department's budget is based on estimated revenues from these events. She was also concerned that other groups who have paid the newly approved fee would request similar consideration. Therefore, it was Ms. Burn's recommendation that the Commission not grant the fee reduction for the Bay to Breakers event.



**10. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**PERMIT FEE/ROAD CLOSURE**  
**BAY TO BREAKERS RACE (Continued)**

Cindy Myers, representing the San Francisco Examiner, reminded the Commission that she testified in opposition to the increase in the participant fee when it was proposed last year. She explained that she had been discussing the permit fee with staff on an ongoing basis and was told numerous times that some accommodations would be reached that was agreeable to both sides. The Examiner presented four proposals to staff, some of which were 5 year plans; other that were calculated on a pro bono basis. She said that the Examiner Bay to Breakers event is the largest event that charges a participant fee and that most paid athletic events draw crowds no larger than 25,000. She noted that they have lost five major sponsors this year (Safeway, Pepsi, BMW, Dupont, and Bank of America), all who were major underwriters of the race. The runner count is 10,000 lower than it has been in past years and felt that they were owed the same consideration that has been afforded to other events such as the "Run to the Far Side" (the fundraiser for the Academy of Sciences) and Cinco de Mayo celebration. She said the Examiner has given in-kind services to the Department and is willing to offer technical assistance for the Department's Teen Newspaper. She said that T-Shirt proceeds from the annual Opera in the Park event are split with the Friends of Recreation and Parks. For these reasons, she asked that the Commission consider giving some accommodation to their fee.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Ms. Myers said the Examiner could offer assistance with the Department's Teen newspaper, the latchkey afterschool program, and many other projects for the Department.

Linda Luchetti, the race director for the Bay to Breakers, has worked on the race for 10 years and said it is an important event bringing economic benefit to the City. She explained that it is more a "San Francisco" event than an "Examiner" event. Over 60,000 registered runners participate in the race and many of them bring friends and family to the City for the weekend, affecting the airline, hotel, and restaurant industry for the Bay Area. People come from all over the country for this 83 year old tradition. The Department benefits because of the permit fee and the City benefits in the form of tourism. The Examiner is working with the Chamber of Commerce and the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau on special programs to highlight the event. She outlined some of the charitable groups that have benefited from the annual race and noted that the Examiner tried to keep the registration fee low.

Peter Nantell, representing Base C Productions, said he has been producing the Examiner Bay to Breakers event for the last 16 years. This year the event will be taped, particularly the post race event known as "Foot Stock" held at the Polo Field to show other producers the care, quality and effort that is taken to protect the park and to ensure that damage to Golden Gate Park is minimal.

President Immendorf said it was his understanding that the issue of a sliding scale or a reduction of fee was being discussed for some time. He learned this morning that discussion of a possible compromise was withdrawn by staff. He supported this event and understood the Department's need to generate revenue but felt that this race was an historic civic event that economically benefits the City. He wondered why negotiations with the Examiner had ceased.



**10. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
PERMIT FEE/ROAD CLOSURE  
BAY TO BREAKERS RACE (Continued)**

Ms. Burns said she had been discussing the fee with the Superintendent of Recreation and thought the parties had come to a resolution. She understood the promoter's concern but noted that the fee was implemented over a year ago and other organizations and groups have paid the \$1.00 participant fee.

President Immendorf suggested that the Commission approve a fee that would guarantee a \$30,000 permit fee in the form of cash and an equivalent level of support from Bay to Breakers in the form of an in-kind service to the Department.

Commissioner Chan agreed with the General Manager's comment and feared that once the fee is reduced other groups will ask for the same consideration. He asked the Examiner representatives to quantify the in-kind service they will offer to the Department. To date, the in-kind service has not been given a dollar value.

Ms. Myers explained that she had discussed assisting the Department with its teen newspaper and felt they could teach computer skills, page layout, etc. She said the Examiner was willing to come up with \$30,000 worth of in-kind services for the Department.

Ms. Burns noted that the in-kind service provision was eliminated because, in the past, staff could not track the value of the in-kind service.

Commissioner Rovetti said he expected the Examiner to live up to the statement made by Ms. Myers and felt that the race was important to San Francisco. He was concerned about the Department collecting the complete fee and believed that \$30,000 worth of an in-kind service could be developed between the Examiner and the Department.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question of how this action would impact the Department's budget, Assistant General Manager, Phil. Arnold, explained that recently staff was informed that the hotel tax allocation to the Department will drop \$100,000 for this year's budget; the Department of Parking and Traffic informed staff that they will shut down half of St. Mary's Garage next year, and that with a projected drop in revenues at Civic Center Garage (due to City Hall being closed for earthquake repairs) the Department anticipates a loss in garage revenues of \$1 Million. He enumerated numerous other budgetary issues and cost overruns on projects that added to the budgetary plight of the Department. He thought that some kind of in-kind service could be developed to directly offset something currently in the Department's budget rather than funding something that was new.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Myers said the loss of sponsors costs \$500,000 and that 70% of the race is underwritten by the entry fee. The Examiner pays over \$150,000 in City permit fees for the event alone.





**10. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**PERMIT FEE/ROAD CLOSURE**  
**BAY TO BREAKERS RACE** (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16872**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway and revision to the permit fee for the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, from 7:00 am to 3:30 p.m. as follows:

- ♦\$60,000 permit fee with \$30,000 to be paid in cash
- ♦\$30,000 to be furnished in the form of in-kind services to the Department. Said in-kind service shall be negotiated by Recreation and Park Department staff and SF Examiner representatives. The proposed in-kind service shall be ratified at the May meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission

**11. SPECIAL EVENT PARKING**  
**GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**BAY TO BREAKERS RACE**

Approval of a permit for special event parking during the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, with a parking fee of \$5.00.

*Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.*

**12. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**  
**MULTIPLE DAY EVENT**

Approval of a three day event at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 27, 28 and 29, 1994, for the Association of Volleyball Professionals Pro Beach Tour.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained this item is a request for a 3 day event at Justin Herman Plaza. Staff has worked with the promoter and all issues have been resolved except for one issue pertaining to the grassy area at the Plaza. The promoter wants to put three of the sand volleyball courts on the grassy area, near the Embarcadero Center, while there was concern that it could violate a 1986 Ordinance which speaks to disturbing soil that may be contaminated. A report has been issued that finds this soil contains toxics. The concern is placement of the courts on this soil without some type of mitigation.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that she contacted Bill Lee, Director of Toxics, Health and Safety Services for the Department of Public Health, who verbally informed her that as long as a building permit is not required to install the volleyball court the Maher Ordinance is not applicable. However, he did caution that care should be taken not to disturb the soil.

Mr. Robinson explained that the promoter plans to place 1" plywood so that vehicles that roll onto this turf area will not disturb the soil. The sand will be placed on the plywood with a liner. The plywood will be under the turf and the tarped area. The truck will access this area on the plywood so the wheels do not sink into the soil.



**12. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**  
**MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)**

Commissioner Chan felt the insurance requirement might be increased for this permit given the toxic issue. He felt the Department should consider the liability issue that is at stake with the soil and the potential claims that could be filed against the City, particularly, if the soil was disturbed. Mr. Robinson said he had not considered increasing the insurance requirement. Commissioner Sommer suggested that a statement be issued saying that the event promoter would be responsible for any lawsuits that are brought as a result of this event.

Mr. Robinson said the Gay Lesbian Freedom Day Parade was held at this location and there were 20,000 at this location. However, no trucks or vehicles were on the Plaza, World Cup Soccer held an event at this site as well but, again, did not use vehicles on the soil.

Ms. Burns said the Maher Ordinance talks about more than 50 cubic yards of soil being disturbed. The issue is that the soil could potentially be disturbed.

**Eula Walters**, said that the Justin Herman Plaza area is heavily used for softball activities and volleyball and other recreational activities.

**Monica Luzzi**, representing the promoter, said that her general counsel reviewed the Maher Ordinance and felt the legislation did not apply to this request. She said the volleyball event is being held in 26 other cities and the cost of building the courts in other cities (Philadelphia, Dallas, Chicago) was \$3,500; in San Francisco it cost \$8,000. The placement of plywood will be costly and she preferred to use a liner only rather than the plywood. Ms. Luzzi did not want to put plywood on the grass area because experts said a liner was sufficient.

Many commissioners expressed their reluctance to approve the request without the use of plywood on the soil. Mr. Robinson said the sponsor will place the 1" CDX (plastic covering) the plaza where there is no controversy and put the plywood on the turf area.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16873**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves a three day event at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 27, 28 and 29, 1994, for the Association of Volleyball Professional's Pro Beach Tour.



### **13. OPEN SPACE PROGRAM** **FIVE YEAR PLAN**

Consideration to amend the five year plan for the Open Space Program.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that he is requesting an amendment to the five year plan for the Open Space Program. The Open Space Advisory Committee approved an amendment to the five year plan which places Tule Elk Park, a playground owned by the San Francisco Unified School District, in the plan. The playground is not recommended for funding for 1994-95 Open Space Program but will receive consideration for 1995-96.

On recommendation of the Special Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16874**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves an amendment to the five year plan for the Open Space Program to add Tule Elk Park to the projects to be considered for funding in future years.

### **14. MISSION PLAYGROUND** **MINIATURE SOCCER COURT** **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT IN PLACE**

Approval to place a prefabricated, artificially surfaced miniature soccer court at Mission Playground, and acceptance of a gift in place valued at \$100,000.

**Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon**, explained that this item is a request to approve a gift in place of a miniature, prefabricated, artificial surface soccer court. The gift is from Adidas and is to be placed at Mission Playground. The court donation is part of the World Legacy Tour event held at Justin Herman Plaza recently. The gift will give youth an opportunity to play soccer on this court which measures 53' by 83'. He recommended approval of the gift in place.

On recommendation of the Special Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16875**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the placement of a prefabricated, artificially surfaced miniature soccer court at Mission Playground, and acceptance of a gift in place valued at \$100,000.



## **15. MISSION DOLORES PARK SOCCER FIELD**

Approval of an informal practice field for children and youth soccer at Mission Dolores Park.

**Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold**, explained that this is one of the most contentious issues the Open Space Program has dealt with in his tenure with the program. The proposal is to place a soccer field at the base of Mission Dolores Park, near the tennis courts. The area is relatively level and flat and is currently used for pick-up soccer, lounging, frisbee playing, dog walking, and special events. The Open Space Advisory Committee was asked to place a fairly large soccer field at this park because there are very few soccer fields in the Mission District and there are no regulation soccer fields in the area. Many hours of testimony was received on this issue and staff has petitions with over 1000 signatures on both sides of the question. At last year's Joint Commission meeting between City Planning and Recreation and Park, approval was granted to install a soccer field but the dimensions were left for future determination. The Commissions placed restrictions on the field and said it would not include any lighting, bleachers, retaining walls or fences and would be a practice field.

Staff has spent almost a year trying to forge a compromise but has failed to reach that goal. Fields as small as 130' by 210' and as big as 210' x 290' were considered. On Friday, 4/15/94 the field was actually staked out to 200' (width) by 270' (length) to visually see the topography and use of the site. There is a big dip on the site at 170' feet. The dip is approximately a 4' drop and the length could be extended to 270'. The Department of Public Works' landscape architect feels that the field could be as long as 270' and as wide as 180' without the need for retaining walls. The 270' length would permit two cross fields. However, the Commission approved a practice field. One of the proposals considered was a square field 210' x 210' which would allow for east/west play and would allow the goals to be moved around on either side so that there would not be a wear pattern to the turf. However, it was learned that a 210' field would not work because of the topography. Staff also proposed 240' x 180' which is a conventional size practice field. It is not big enough for league play and will leave one-third of the area undisturbed. Staff proposed that limits be placed on the hours the field could be reserved for soccer use so that others could use the area.

Mr. Arnold summarized his statement by saying that the staff recommendation is to place a 180' (width) by 240' (length) practice soccer field. It is clearly a compromise, bigger than some of the fields proposed, yet smaller than what has been requested by the soccer community. The intent is to have the field be youth oriented and to discourage adult leagues from using the area. There should also be restrictions imposed on the hours in which it is dedicated to soccer activity so that other passive activities can take place such as "Make a Circus", etc. on this site.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold explained that Franklin Square will be renovated (16th and Bryant), and the athletic field renovation fund will enable fields at Garfield, Potrero del Sol, Balboa, Rolph, and Louis Sutter playground to be renovated in the future.





## **15. MISSION DOLORES PARK SOCCER FIELD (Continued)**

**Brian Gatter, Landscape Architect**, representing the Department of Public Works, explained that a feasibility study was done and a number of proposals were considered. He displayed a drawing that showed the grade of the area in question. He said the grade changes 15' and that it is 2' at one corner and 11' higher at another corner. In most of the schemes the corner can be accommodated but the difficult area is the dip. A 3% grade will be needed for the field. There is also the desire to preserve the amphitheater aspect of the top slope as it exists today and to not grade that area. The proposal is to take everything below the 75' elevation and grade it to nothing steeper than a 4 to 1 slope. Optimally, a 2% grade is required for athletic fields but everyone has accepted a steeper grade for this field with the intent to make it as level as possible and still not require a retaining wall. Mr. Gatter then displayed the grading and sloping configurations as it pertains to the different size fields proposed.

Commissioner Rovetti said in Europe a regulation field is between 90 and 110 meters by 95 meters. Balboa Stadium is 110 by 82. He asked why a bigger size field could not be placed at Dolores Park. Mr. Arnold explained that 180-200' is the maximum width that can be accommodated at the site; the length is the open issue.

President Immendorf reminded the public that the Commission had already approved the placement of a soccer field at Dolores Park. The issue under consideration was the size of the field. He asked that everyone respect everyone's comment.

**Bob Lehr**, a resident of the neighborhood said he no longer chose to make any comment in view of the fact that the Commission had already decided to place a soccer field at Dolores Park.

**Hilda Bernstein**, said that over the past several months many people have been called racists and were intimidated by this issue. She received two scurrilous phone messages last night and said it was a sad commentary on the way people conduct business. She felt it was a disgrace that people cannot talk to each other in a civilized manner. She then proceeded to explain that she is president of Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association, past chair of the Mayor's Mission Task Force, and organizer of the newly formed Mission Renaissance, and that some months ago, at a well attended meeting, everyone except for one abstention, voted against the soccer field of any kind of any size at Dolores Park. However, this was not her personal point of view. She felt a practice field of 150' x 210' should be built and noted that Commissioner Chan voted for the field last year with that understanding. She said the soccer field was needed for the neighborhood.

**Eileen Gold**, lives one-half block away from Dolores Park and viewed the marked off field of 200' x 270' on Friday, 4/15/94. Although this size is not regulation for a junior high soccer game it might suffice as a practice field for high school students. She urged the Commission to consider the youth and to show it cared for them by voting for a 200' by 270' field. She said that anything else would be too small.



## 15. MISSION DOLORES PARK SOCCER FIELD (Continued)

**Lanita Sanchez**, lives in the community and uses the park 3 times a day when she walks her dog. The only passive activities she witnesses in the park are people walking dogs and inebriated persons. She said there is plenty of space for the field and that when soccer fields are built in other areas of the City they are regulation but in the Mission everything is substandard. The construction of a soccer field will not prevent passive use. The 190' by 270' field will be a practice field for children and will keep them off the streets. Right now, kids have to be taken across the City to Beach Chalet or West Sunset because they do not have a facility. She said that coaches have to own a camper truck to transport children. She felt that a regulation field could be built at the Dolores Park and that it was important to serve children.

**Joan Holden**, explained that when she visits Dolores Park she sees frisbee players, kids playing and people enjoying the views from the park. This green space area is 2 blocks long and is the only open space from Market Street and Potrero for the Mission, Noe Valley, the Castro and Eureka Valley districts. A full size field is being built at Franklin Square and 270' is not a compromise. Any field that is built at Dolores Park will attract use outside of the scheduled hours and the turf will be destroyed for passive recreation users. She felt that the 270' field would consume the entire level space at Dolores Park. The 210' field would allow some of the meadow to remain as open space so that passive activities could take place around the edges. People need their open space and the Commission consider the entire needs of the community.

**Paul Deutsch**, lives on the edge of the park and supported the smallest field to serve the needs of children who want to practice soccer at Dolores Park. Shortly, soccer players will have other locations in the Mission to practice. The Commission must respect the fact that hundreds of people look out onto this space and the larger the field the more people will use it. He asked who would regulate the use of the field once it is completed. He felt it was important to remember that the Commission approved a practice field and it was his understanding that the compromise size agreed to was a 210' x 150' field. The 180' x 240' field now proposed by staff is considerably larger than the field previously proposed. The larger field will make the park unpleasant for passive recreation when soccer is being played.

**Anthony Sacco**, president of the New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, grew up in the Mission, still resides in the area and is a soccer advocate. He said the Commission has a great opportunity to do something for the youth of San Francisco and felt that a regulation size soccer field was befitting of the area. Franklin Square is in a commercial area and Crocker Amazon and Beach Chalet is overused by soccer leagues. There are no areas for the youth in the Mission to play soccer. He suggested that a regulation field be built at Dolores Park and that it be named Caesar Chavez Memorial Soccer Field to give youth a true hero.

**Paul Nixon**, of the Fair Oaks Neighborhood Association, said the issue was not the size of the field but the feeling that someone will win and someone will lose. He was present the day photographs were taken of the site and felt, in terms of aesthetics, after the dip, it was irrelevant if the field was 240' or 270'. He said that single parents cannot afford to take their kids across town to play soccer because not everyone has a car. He felt that a larger field was appropriate.



**15. MISSION DOLORES PARK  
SOCCER FIELD (Continued)**

**Yvonne Anderson**, representing the Dolores Heights Improvement Club, felt the size of the field should be 150' x 210'. She was concerned about the need for restrooms for the park and the cost to build the field.

**Ross Worden**, said when the pictures were taken of Dolores Park it was not heavily used. The major grading will take place at the 170' dip and not much money will be saved if it is 240' rather than 270'. He said there is another square block for people to picnic and will not take up a lot of the park in terms of usage. Franklin Square is isolated from the rest of the Mission and that the needs of the children should be considered.

**Karen Jewett**, Managing Director of Make-a-Circus, explained her group has been performing in Dolores Park for the children of the Mission and the rest of the City for 20 years. She supported the smaller practice field as originally proposed because the children need a place to play soccer while others need a park and open space area. Kids can take public transportation to a soccer field and noted that they offer a program in the Haight District for kids age 14-19 and that kids from all over the City take the bus to participate in their program.

**Dr. Ed Lopez**, representing Mission Economic and Cultural Association (MECA), is working on the Carnival event and they plan to have a soccer theme for the event. MECA endorses soccer because it helps the Mission Youth Soccer League and other programs to get kids off the street and away from gang activities. He supported the larger field. He played at Dolores Park when he was a child but his cousin was killed in a gang related activity because he went down a different road. The larger field might save one person's life.

**Lupe Arabolos**, assistant principal at Mission High School, was present to speak for 1200 students at Mission High School who were unable to attend because of a soccer game. She said the student body president rallied the school to participate in a letter writing campaign when the 210' square field was proposed as they were upset with such a proposal. She hoped the Commission would consider the youth that spoke at previous hearings and said that a small field is not suitable. She said the school has one field that is used for varsity football, junior varsity football, track and field, baseball, and the boys and girls soccer team. She further stated that when times are scheduled for use of the field a proposed time frame of 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. should be considered.

**Juan Gonzalez**, vice president of the Mission Youth Soccer League, said almost 700 kids are in his league without a soccer field or place to practice. Kids from the Mission District will not get on the bus to go to Franklin Square because of the 12 gangs in the area. Seventeen teams in his league play all year and most coaches have campers and vans to transport the kids to the fields. The league has twelve 3-1/2 year old kids enrolled and he hoped that when they are 15-16 years old they will only think about soccer practice and school rather than hanging around gangs. A larger soccer field is needed to practice soccer and to explain the game of soccer. He urged the Commission to not shorten the field because a couple of feet will save a couple of lives.



**15. MISSION DOLORES PARK**  
**SOCCER FIELD (Continued)**

**Dr. Richard Sanchez**, a former member of the City's Public Health commission, understood how difficult it was to resolve issues between the communities but said the youth need a soccer field. Kids between the ages 15-16 have nothing to do and offering them a recreational activity is wise. He was pleased the Commission had approved the concept of a soccer field and urged the Commission to complete the task by approving a field that has a minimum length of 270'. The opponents of the soccer field at Dolores Park realize that there will be a field but want it built so small that it will not be used. Dr. Sanchez preferred a length of 300' and felt the park could accommodate passive recreation and a soccer field.

**Al Lopez**, said that 250 years ago there was no park and this proposal gives the Commission a chance to do something for the youth who are tomorrow's future. He urged the Commission to make the field a size that is usable for our kids from small kids to high school kids.

**Constantine Koustin**, said he was born a few block from Dolores Park and played soccer in an alley. Most of his friends died in Vietnam or through drugs but he was fortunate to attend USF and play professional soccer. Because of soccer he traveled all over the world. It was his opinion that the soccer field would give something to the next generation. The field can be built in such a way that it will not be damaged from rain or overuse. He said the key was to save the children.

**Mitchell Salazar**, said many people volunteer a lot of time for children. He has worked with the Mission Youth Soccer League and felt the Commission needed to understand that kids have not been caught in the madness. If the larger field is built thousands of kids will be able to use it and be save from being killed from the violence of recent years. If one or two lives are saved and if the kids do not turn to the street the field will pay for itself. It is proper to serve kids from not only the Mission but City-wide.

**Vicki Rega**, representing Youth For Service in the Mission District, explained that she schedules programs for young people and has a waiting list for every program. Kids are anxious to have something to do and the question is whether a first class soccer field will be built for them or if they will again be treated as second class citizens. If she lived in the Dolores Park area she would want to see a lot of people using the park. She felt that the soccer field would dissuade the other illegal activities such as drug dealing that now take place.

**Alan Weaver** a member of the Open Space Committee,, voted against the soccer field because it had nothing to do with the Open Space Program. He worked on Proposition E (the Open Space Program) and was one of the members who wrote a letter in opposition to the soccer field. He voted against it because it was a violation of Proposition E and has received hate calls because of his vote. He enumerated the money the Open Space Program has allocated for the Mission including setting aside money to renovate athletic fields, allocating money to purchase a park at 23rd and Treat, to expand Mission Playground, etc. In the past the School District has not let the City use their gyms or fields after school. There is an issue of good faith because the community and neighborhood organizations were told that the field would be 150' x 210'. It would be bad faith to change those dimensions.





# **15. MISSION DOLORES PARK SOCCER FIELD (Continued)**

**Jim Gonzalez**, former member of the Board of Supervisors, commended Mary Burns and Phil Arnold of the Department who have been tugged on both sides on this issue. Over the years, he learned through his service in the Mayor's Office and his tenure on the Board of Supervisors that there are not enough facilities in the Mission District for the 4000 kids in the area. The mini park concept was established because of the shortage of recreation in the Mission. There is a lot of violence in the City and the Commission must address this problem. He thought it was important to approve the soccer field and do it right the first time because it would be costlier to change it at a later date. The Mission District suffers from neglect and he urged the Commission to do something pro-active and to show it cared by creating wholesome activities for the Mission.

Commissioner Ruiz thought it was sad to see the Mission community involved in a turf war over this issue but there are very few resources in the Mission community considering the size of the population. In this instance, he did not support the staff recommendation. He felt the Commission was making a policy decision and that it was responsible to provide access and open space to all citizens. Dolores Park is approximately 2 City blocks. He wanted to send a message to the community that it needs to learn to share its precious resources. He supported the 190' by 270' field because it meets the Commission's criteria of no retaining walls, no fencing, no lighting, no permanent posts and no benches. The larger field will make a positive difference because it would save lives. He noted that the square footage of the square field would have been 48,400 square feet and the larger field was 51,300 square feet. He asked his fellow commissioners to give children 3,000 square feet for the 190' x 270' field.

Commissioner Chan said when he voted for the soccer field at Dolores Park he was sensitive to the Dolores Park neighbors but strongly felt that children should have a place to play. It is difficult to find open space in the City and it should be shared. However, he cast his vote with the understanding that the field would not blossom into a large field, but an informal practice field so the neighborhood still had a place to enjoy passive activities. Children's needs are very basic - they want a place to play. He grew up playing softball at North Beach Playground which never had a grassy area but he enjoyed the park. Staff worked hard to find a consensus and he supported the staff recommendation of a 240' x 180' field.

President Immendorf voted for a soccer field on 2 occasions and was persuaded by the young people's testimony. He understood that many sizes were discussed for the soccer field but whatever the size it would not be obstructed by permanent structures. The only other guideline given to staff was that the field should not be regulation size. He initially thought he would vote for the staff recommendation but hearing that the square field would almost be the same size of the larger field, he now favored the 190' by 270' field. He said the City must share its resources with everyone.

Commissioner Sommer did not like the tactics used by some of the people on this issue and said when the square field was presented it was done with the thought that the goals could be changed. She did not care for the negative letters that were submitted to the Commission the square field. She recalled the vote was for a 150' by 210' field although she now felt it appeared too small. She thought the 180' x 240' field was a compromise. She remembered hearing presentation on an informal practice field for small children. She was prepared to vote for the staff recommendation.



**15. MISSION DOLORES PARK**  
**SOCCER FIELD (Continued)**

Commissioner Rovetti was hurt by the students' action who wrote negative letters and felt such action was an insult to both the staff and the Commission. He supported the 190' by 270' field because a large area is needed to play soccer. He said the tactics used by the School District angered him and that the students should be dissuaded from using this kind of tactics.

President Immendorf said that Department worked very hard to do the right thing, were sensitive to the neighbors and took a lot of abuse. He was sorry that this caused such anger and hoped that everyone could be friends when this issue is decided. Whether there is agreement on this issue, he felt the Commission was doing what it believed to be proper.

Mr. Arnold said changing the width from 180' to 190' might require a retaining wall in one corner. Therefore, he asked the Commission to direct staff to make the field as wide as possible, up to 190', without the need for a retaining wall.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16876**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves a practice field with a length of 270' and a width of 180' to 190' depending on site conditions, both dimensions include buffer zones.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Chan, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Mazzola

**16. LAKE MERCED**  
**URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRES**  
**REDUCTION OF RENT**

Approval of request for reduction in rent retroactive to October 1993 due to decrease in water level for the Urban Parks Concessionaires at Lake Merced.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the concessionaire at Lake Merced is responsible for boating and fishing at the Lake. The level and quality of water at Lake Merced has been declining in recent years and, as a consequence, there is little fishing and boating. The concessionaire is making no money and has requested relief from his minimum rent of \$10,000 a year. Urban Parks has not been making rent payments since October 1993 and has asked that the rent be reduced until the water level is restored by some 4'. Staff does not anticipate that occurring but does acknowledge his economic plight. Staff is recommending that the minimum rent be waived for one year from October 1993 to October 1994 and that it be reviewed in October 1994. At the committee level there was concern expressed to grant a full waiver of rent and the question was raised as to what services the concessionaire provides the Department.



**16. LAKE MERCED**  
**URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRES**  
**REDUCTION OF RENT (Continued)**

Urban Parks cleans the public restrooms at Lake Merced, monitors fishing activities, checks fishing licenses and monitors the storage areas. Those services would cost the Department \$74,000 per year. Therefore, the Department clearly benefits by the presence of the concession at Lake Merced. Based on these economic factors, staff recommended that the rent be waived.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's statement, Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the concessionaire is making some money but not enough profit to make rental payments. Commissioner Rovetti was concerned that waiver of rent could trigger other concessionaires to ask for the same accommodations. Mr. Arnold explained that other concessionaires do not have these type of conditions. The business presented by the Department was a large, healthy, lake. They have recently asked to rent bicycles and skates but the Department will be starting a reconstruction of the Lake Merced pathway making it difficult to generate revenue with a torn-up path. Mr. Arnold hoped the concessionaire would continue to consider other alternatives in addition to water activities at Lake Merced.

**RES. NO. 16877**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request for reduction in rent retroactive to October 1993 to October 1994 due to decrease in water level for the Urban Parks Concessionaires at Lake Merced.

**17. JOHN McLAREN PARK**  
**AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Approval of award of contract in the amount of \$387,400 to Intercoastal Joint Venture for construction of the John McLaren Park Overlook, Trail Improvements.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that this item is approval of award of a contract for John McLaren Park. The contract will construct an overlook on the top of Mansell at Visitation. The area is now scarred and a desirous place for abandoned vehicles. Access for the disabled will be constructed along the roadways and railings will be installed to prevent cars from operating in non-paved areas. A security gate will be installed to close off a portion of Shelley Drive at night. Currently, there are no curbs; medians will be installed. This contract will enhance the appearance of the park and make it more manicured and will discourage dumping of unwanted goods alongside the road.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16878**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of \$387,400 to Intercoastal Joint Venture for construction of John McLaren Park Overlook, Trail Improvements.



**18. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
PARK POLICE STATION AND PARK POLICE STABLES  
AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Approval of award of contract for rehabilitation of the Park Police Station and Park Police Stables in Golden Gate Park.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that the Bureau of Architecture is recommending award of contract to Barnes Lim, joint venture, in the amount of \$1,797,000. The prior low bidder was disqualified and has withdrawn their bid. Staff recommended award of the contract to the second bidder which is Barnes Lim, a minority business enterprise.

**RES. NO. 16879**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the award of contract for rehabilitation of the Park Police Station and Park Police Stables in Golden Gate Park to Barnes-Lim.

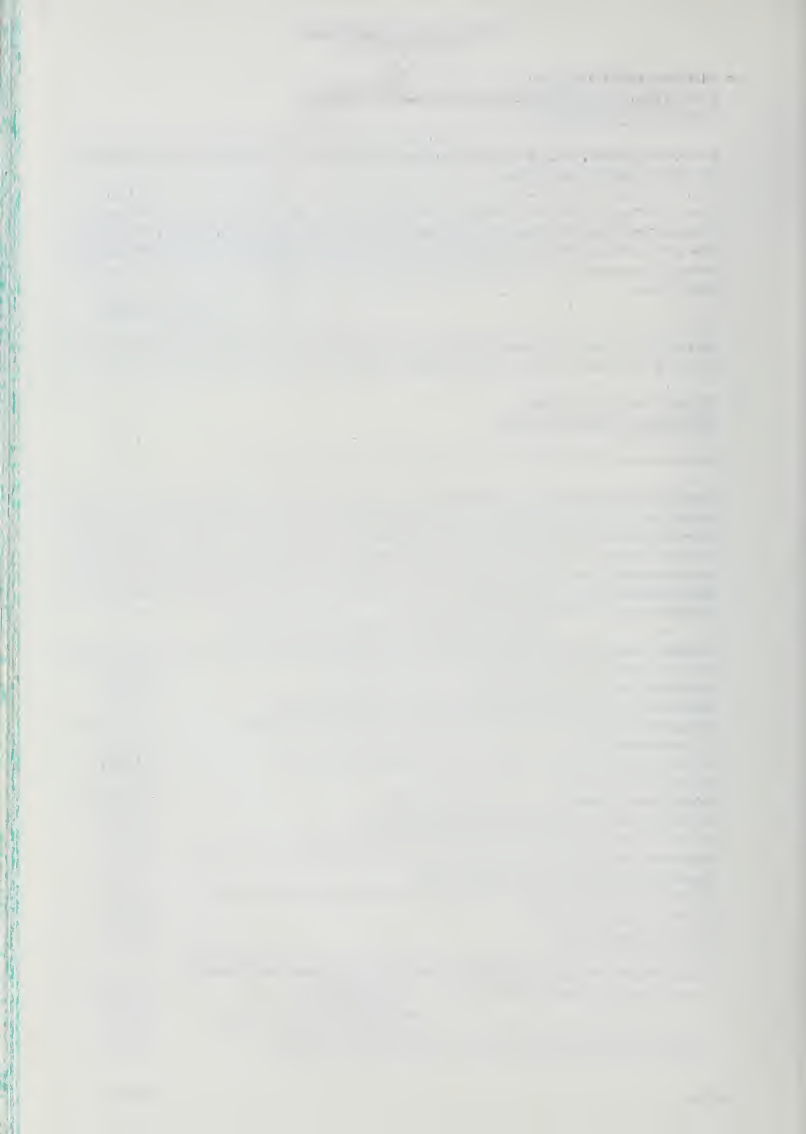
**19. OPEN SPACE PROGRAM  
REVIEW OF 1994-95 BUDGET**

Review of the 1994-95 Open Space Program recommended budget.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Commission will review the Open Space Program budget at the joint Commission meeting with City Planning to be held on 4/28/94 but wanted to give the Commission an overview of the 1994-95 Open Space Program budget. The \$16 Million budget allocates funds for the after school program, acquisition and development of park land, maintenance of previously acquired open space and administration of the program. Mr. Arnold asked the Commission to approve the capital budget which he outlined as follows:

**Acquisition and Development (\$5,085,000)**

Athletic Field Development (beginning of a fund to eventually acquire additional athletic fields hopefully in the Mission District but a specific site has not been identified)	\$167,400
Bonview Lots (area in Bernal Hill)	305,000
Brewster/Franconia Lot (community garden on Bernal Heights)	50,000
Brooks Park lease (SFUSD property & 3 privately owned lots to be acquired for Open Space)	550,000
Chinatown Park (complete development cost for new Chinatown park)	750,000
Community Gardens	50,000
Japan Peace Plaza (pay for structural repairs)	50,000
Lessing Sears Lot (mini park on Daly City border)	50,000
Mullen Peralta (4 lots on the northeast slope of Bernal Hill)	280,000
Natural areas acquisition (to acquire Hawk Hill, O'Shaughnessy Hill & Bayview Hill)	500,000
Regional Trails (Ridge Trail and Bay Trail)	30,000
Richmond Recreation Center (complete development costs for center)	850,000
St. Mary's Square Rooftop	200,000
South of Market Park	400,000
Tenderloin Park Preschool (playground for preschoolers --2 sites under consideration)	400,000
Transportation Program (bus program to send children and seniors from underserved areas of the City to other areas of the City)	
Randall Museum	32,600
High Need Area	120,000
Urban Forestry (fund reforestation for neighborhood parks in the City)	275,000
Visitation Valley Gym (seed money for construction of a gym)	25,000





**19. OPEN SPACE PROGRAM****REVIEW OF 1994-95 BUDGET (Continued)****Renovation (\$1,657,000)**

Athletic Field Rehabilitation (rehabilitate the athletic fields)	200,000
Bernal Heights Playground Rehabilitation	150,000
Bleachers (replacement of bleachers, City wide)	35,000
Eureka Valley Playground (redesign of the recreation center)	30,000
Golden Gate Park (rehabilitation of 10th Avenue and Fulton Play Area)	150,000
Hazardous Material Abatement (mainly lead and asbestos removal)	75,000
Irrigation Renovation, On-Going	75,000
Jackson Playground Play Area (design to renovate playground in Potrero Hill)	50,000
King Pool (reproof of the pool)	372,000
McKinley Square Irrigation Play Area (playground renovation in Potrero Hill)	100,000
Mission Playground Play Area (redesign of playground)	25,000
Mountain Lake Park (restoration of the lakeshore)	30,000
Natural Area (implementation of the plan)	100,000
Precita Park (west side of the park)	50,000
Randall Museum Master Plan	50,000
Rolph Nicol Mini Park (renovation of the mini park on Eucalyptus)	40,000
Security lighting city wide	30,000
Silver Terrace Restrooms and Bleachers	50,000
Stern Grove Benches	
30,000	
Stern Grove Erosion Control	15,000

**Open Space Program Budget Summary)**

After School Program	\$ 1,920,000
Maintenance	6,400,000
Acquisition and Development	5,085,000
Renovation	1,657,000
Administration and Maintenance	938,000

**TOTAL BUDGET** **\$16,000,000**

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16880**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the capital improvement budget for the 1994-95 Open Space Program recommended budget.

**20. SWIMMING POOLS****ADMISSION FEE REDUCTION**

Approval of request for reduction in child and youth admission fees to swimming pools from \$1.00 to \$.50 to increase usage and accessibility effective July 1, 1994.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that this is a request to reduce the children's admission from \$1.00 to \$.50. Staff has witnessed a marked decline of pool attendance by the youth. He requested the Commission to roll back the fee.



## **20. SWIMMING POOLS**

### **ADMISSION FEE REDUCTION (Continued)**

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16881**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request to reduce the child and youth admission fees to swimming pools from \$1.00 to \$.50 to increase usage and accessibility effective July 1, 1994.

## **21. SWIMMING POOLS**

### **CREATION OF FAMILY/GROUP RATE**

Approval of request to create a family or group rate of \$5.00 for admission to the swimming pools, effective July 1, 1994.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that this item is a request to establish a group rate for \$5.00 for admission to the Department pools. A group rate is defined as 2 adults with 2 children. The fee, if paid individually, would cost approximately \$6.00.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16882**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request to create a group rate of \$5.00 for admission of 2 adults and 2 children to the swimming pools, effective July 1, 1994.

## **22. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16883**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of A-1 Construction and Development, et al in the amount of \$20,000.

## **23. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Eula Walters**, displayed a photograph of Justin Herman Plaza and explained that she has lived in this area for 20 years. She asked the Commission to acquire Lot 202 and 203 (near Drumm Street) for open space. She was concerned that this land would be developed. She wanted the area preserved as open space because there was little open space in this part of the City. She said there are 5 childcare facilities in the area but no place for the children to play. Her other concern was the prohibition of skateboarding at Justin Herman Plaza and the fact that people are issued a \$200 citation for enjoying the park. She thought it was wrong to cite young men for skating in a park. She wanted the Commission to rescind this action or give them a place to skateboard.



### 23. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

**Emeric Kalman**, a berthholder at the Marina, asked the Commission to respond to several issues he posed in the past. He wanted to know what was the loss of revenue from not renting empty berths for the last 4-5 years, what was the cost of damage from not dredging in a timely manner, and why the berth holders paid higher rent to cover this loss of revenue. He further explained that Wayne Person wrote a letter to the Director of the Department of Public Works regarding the dredging work done at the Marina. He felt that Mr. Cribbs' response represented professional misconduct.

### 24. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.*

### 25. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- ♦ Joint Zoo Committee meeting of March 2, 1994
- ♦ Parks and Planning Committee meeting of April 5, 1994
- ♦ Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting of April 7, 1994
- ♦ Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee meeting of April 4, 1994.

### 26. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Renzo Antonini, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Barbara Tham, an employee of the Accounting Division of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away.

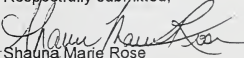
On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Michael Hughes, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Wilbur Hoppe, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Stella Nasser, the mother-in-law of Commissioner Larry Mazzola who passed away.

There being no further business, the 692nd  
Regular Meeting of the Recreation and  
Park Commission was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary

*Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.*



San Francisco, California  
April 28, 1994

**Frank M. Jordan, Mayor**

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION  
AND  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1994 -1:30 P.M.  
Chambers of the Board of Supervisors

The Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 28, 1994 at 1:35 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf of the Recreation and Park Commission and Vice President Frank S. Fung of the City Planning Commission.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**

**Present:**

Jack Immendorf, President  
Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Sidney Chan  
Bella Farrow  
Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Present:**

Frank S. Fung, Vice President  
Marilyn M. Levine  
Susan E. Lowenberg  
Lawrence B. Martin  
Romaine Boldrige, Representing Ex-Officio  
Gen. Manager, Public Utilities Commission  
David Prowler, Representing Ex-Officio,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Absent:**

Commissioner Sidney Unobsky, President

**2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND**  
**1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Consideration of the 1994-95 Open Space Acquisition and Park Renovation Fund budget.

**Steve Shotland**, representing the City Planning Department, gave a brief overview of the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, explaining that \$16 Million will be allocated for acquisition and development of park and open space areas, renovation of park land and previously acquired sites, maintenance of existing public open space, administration of the program, and funding for the City's After School Program during 1994-95.

This year, three sites are proposed for acquisition that are not designated for acquisition under City Planning's Open Space Element of the City's Master Plan. Staff recommended that the City Planning Commission vote to include these sites in the Open Space Element of the City's Master Plan prior to both Commissions voting on the Open Space Program. (Note for the Record: The City Planning Commission has jurisdiction over the City's Master Plan; therefore the Recreation and Park Commission was not required to vote on inclusion of the three new sites.)





## 2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Recreation and Park Department Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Citizens Advisory Committee held a series of public meetings during the Fall and Winter to gather information from the community and organizations and to develop recommendations for funding for the next fiscal year. Numerous meetings were held to discuss expenditures, consider public testimony on funding projects and programs, an all day tour of proposed sites was conducted, and a series of funding recommendations were finalized for adoption by the joint commissions. The Open Space Program has a requirement that a five year plan be adopted as a guide for future expenditures. This five year plan is annually updated.

There are a number of Charter requirements, in the allocation of funds that must be satisfied in the Open Space Program. The mandated formula is as follows:

<u>Required Allocation</u>	<u>Proposed Allocation</u>
12% for operation of the After School Program	\$1,920,000 (12%)
At least 25% for Acquisition and Development	5,085,000 (32%)
At least 9% for Renovation	1,657,000 (10%)
No more than 15% for Administration, programs and maintenance of new open space properties and renovated open space facilities	938,000 ( 6%)

Mr. Arnold then outlined the specific recommendations for the 1994-95 Open Space Program Budget:

Athletic Fields Acquisition. This fund is the beginning of acquisition for new athletic fields.

No specific site has been identified but money is being set aside for future acquisition. \$ 167,400

Bonview Lots, Acquisition 305,000

Brewster/Franconia Acquisition 50,000

Brooks Park Lease, Acquisition (Two more years of funding allocation is required for this lease.

It will be part of the Open Space Program budget for the next two years in order to complete payment to the San Francisco Unified School District.) 550,000

Chinatown Park, Development (Cathay Mortuary site) 750,000

Community Gardens, Development City-wide) 50,000

Japan Peace Plaza, (Property previously acquired through the Open Space Fund that requires site corrections that must be completed under the terms of the Acquisition Agreement 50,000

Lessing-Sears Lot, Acquisition 50,000

Mullen/Peralta Lots, Acquisition in Bernal Hill 280,000

Regional Trails Development (known as Ridge Trail/Bay Trail) 30,000

Richmond Recreation Center, Development (last installment to develop this recreation center) 850,000

Saint Mary's Square Rooftop, Development 200,000

Significant Natural Areas, Acquisition (Banking funds for eventual acquisition and development.

The three sites under consideration under this item are Hawk Hill, O'Shaughnessy Hollow and expansion of the Bayview Hill area)

South of Market Park, Acquisition and Development (Banking funds for eventual acquisition and development. There are two sites under consideration. 400,000

Tenderloin Preschool Playground, Acquisition and Development (two sites are under consideration) 400,000

Transportation Program to the Randall Museum (transports children from public schools to the Museum) 32,600

Transportation Program for High Need Areas 120,000

Urban Forestry Program, City-wide 275,000

Visitation Valley Gym (first of many years of banking funds to develop a gym site) 25,000

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question regarding the After School Program, Mr. Arnold explained that the school sites selected for an after school program are done through a negotiation process with principals of the School District.



## 2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold said that money being banked for trails is part of the same program known as the Ridge Trail and Bay Trail.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said that money is now being earmarked for acquisition of athletic fields. Although there is no specific timetable for the athletic fields project, the need is obvious and the intent is to have a timetable for acquisition in the next Five Year Plan for the Open Space Program.

Commissioner Lowenberg asked how interest is allocated on money that is being set aside year after year for a specific acquisition. Mr. Arnold explained that interest on money appropriated to specific projects is not allocated to those projects. Instead, the interest is used to fund additional open space projects.

***Note for the Record:** At this point in the meeting the City Planning Commission considered the amendments to the recreation and open space elements of the City Master Plan to add three sites.*

**Steve Shotland**, from the City Planning Department, said there were two sites surrounding the existing Brooks Park site, one of which is San Francisco Unified School District property. There is a property in back of the School District property which will provide access to the Brooks Parks site. The existing park is a small, hilltop park and acquisition would enlarge the park and increase neighborhood access to the park by providing an entry on Vernon Street. Neighbors have been active in pursuing acquisition of this property. The other site to be added is the Lessing-Sears lot which is adjacent to the existing mini park. The mini park is quite small and there is limited visual access to the park. These three sites were proposed for addition in the Open Space element of the City's Master Plan.

**Peter Vaernet**, a neighbor of the Ocean View District, urged the Commission to approve the Brooks Park acquisition. He said there are over 32 species of significant natural plant areas identified by the Native Plant Society and it is an important piece of land. He urged the Commission to approve the acquisition of this area in the City.

**Lonnie Lawson**, urged the Commission to approve the Brooks Park property as part of the open space element of the City's Master Plan. Taking this action will restore the people's trust who have waited long for the City to acquire this piece of property.

**Claire Isaacs**, spoke on behalf of Brooks Park and Lessing-Sears acquisitions. She said the Brooks Park follows a long tradition of hilltop parks in the City and that there was a need to have a hilltop park in this area of the City for future generations. The acquisition of the Lessing-Sears lot was important to the community who needs open space. She urged the Commission to acquire these properties.

On motion of Commissioner Prower, seconded by Commissioner Levine, the following resolution was adopted by the City Planning Commission:

### RES. NO. 13676

#### **City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.118M)**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the San Francisco Charter requirements that the City Planning Commission adopt and maintain, including necessary changes therein, a Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Certain portions of the Master Plan may over time become obsolete; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Planning Commission adopted the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan by Resolution No. 11067 on July 9, 1987; and



**2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND  
1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 13676  
(Continued)**

**City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.118M)**

**WHEREAS**, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, by Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991 to add Citywide Policy #13, which states "Preserve and protect Significant Natural Areas;" and

**WHEREAS**, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan adopting Resolution No. 13411 on October 1, 1992, to add and revise policies on regional recreational trails, and

**WHEREAS**, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to acquire and develop additional public open space, as well as to renovate and maintain it; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1987 many of the sites proposed to be acquired as open space in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" have been or are in the process of being acquired to serve the needs of San Francisco residents; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Case No. 93.117R, the 1994-1995 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, three sites are proposed for acquisition as public open space that are not designated in the Recreation and Open Space Element as proposed public open space by either policy or map; and

**WHEREAS**, the sites, contained in EXHIBIT A and listed below, are proposed to be added to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space".

① Brooks Park-adjacent property, acquisition through long-term lease of Assessor's Block 7073, lot 50, Assessor's Block 7074, lot 49, Assessor's Block 7075, lot 56;

② Brooks Park-adjacent property, Assessor's Block 7075, lots 34, 35, 36;

③ Lessing-Sears lot, Assessor's Block 7160, lot 1; and

**WHEREAS**, there is significant neighborhood support for acquisition of the sites; and

**WHEREAS**, Each of the sites proposed for acquisition is contiguous with an existing public park; and

**WHEREAS**, On balance, the proposed amendments are consistent with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Charter Sections 3.525 and 6.413, notice was duly given of a public hearing by the City Planning Commission to consider adoption of an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, which hearing was held on April 28, 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 28, 1994, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and considered testimony related to the proposed amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commission deems the proposed amendments to be appropriate and desires to adopt them as part of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan; now therefore be it



**2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND  
1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 13676**  
**(Continued)**

**City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.118M)**

**RESOLVED**, That the City Planning Commission, before acting on the proposed Master Plan amendment, does hereby certify that it has reviewed, considered, and approved the information contained in the Certificate of Determination of Exemption/Exclusion from Environmental Review, under General Rule Exclusion (State Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Planning Commission hereby **ADOPTS** an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, adding the sites contained in Exhibit A to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan"; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Secretary of the Commission shall record the action taken in this Resolution on the adopted amendment and shall certify a copy thereof to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Charter.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Boldridge, Fung, Levine, Lowenberg, Martin, Prowler

Absent: Commissioner Unobskey

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Mr. Shotland explained that all of the sites proposed for acquisition and development are consistent with the City's Master Plan. He then referred to the list of proposed Acquisition/Development sites from the 1994-95 Program. He displayed maps of the proposed sites.

Commissioner Mazzola asked if the five year plan will be updated annually by the joint Commissions. Mr. Arnold said that under the Charter the update of the five year Open Space Program plan is considered only by the Recreation and Park Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16884**

**Recreation and Park Commission**

**WHEREAS**, The electorate of San Francisco in November, 1988, approved a new Charter Section 6.413 establishing the Park and Open Space Fund for a 15-year period, and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee recommend, and the Recreation and Park Commission annually adopt, a Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, to be updated annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Park Commission has adopted the Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, Fiscal Year 1994/95; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Section 6.413 also requires that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission, meeting jointly; and





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**2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND  
1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 16884**  
**(Continued)**

**Recreation and Park Commission**

**WHEREAS**, In formulating the proposed program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee which were made after months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations and public hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

**WHEREAS**, The Office of Environmental Review of the City Planning Department has found the submitted program to be categorically exempt from environmental review and has approved the proposed program; and

**WHEREAS**, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on April 28, 1994, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, a program entitled, "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1994/95", dated April 28, 1994; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the program, contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1994/95" dated April 28, 1994, which program is hereby found to be in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and Programs document approved by the City Planning Commission.

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On motion of Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Boldridge, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO.13677**

**City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.117R)**

**WHEREAS**, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to be supported by an annual Ad Valorem tax of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) for each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation, for a 15-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Section 6.413 specifies that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission meeting jointly; and

**WHEREAS**, In formulating the 1994-1995 program, the fifth year of the program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee, which were made after several months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations, and public hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and



**2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND  
1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

RES. NO. 13677  
(Continued)

**City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.117R)**

**WHEREAS**, The Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan was amended by City Planning Commission Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991 to add Policy 13, which states "Preserve and protect Significant Natural Areas," and includes criteria to determine whether a site constitutes a Significant Natural Resource Area worthy of protection; and

**WHEREAS**, The Recreation and Park Commission recommends that three sites Hawk Hill (also known as Funston Terrace), O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and portions of Bayview Hill, be designated as Significant Natural Resource Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, The three sites proposed by acquisition under the Natural Areas Acquisition category, Hawk Hill (also known as Funston Terrace), O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and a portion of Bayview Hill Phase 1 and 11, meet the criteria for Significant Natural Areas contained in Policy 13, and can be considered Significant Natural Areas worthy of protection; and

**WHEREAS**, The San Francisco Park and Open Space Program was determined by the San Francisco Department of City Planning (hereinafter "Department") to be categorically exempt from the environmental review process under a General Rule Exclusion, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission has reviewed and concurs with said determination; and

**WHEREAS**, The program responds to the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning Code; and

**WHEREAS**, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on April 28, 1994, reported to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, the program entitled, "General Manager's Present: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1994-1995," dated April 28, 1994, and the "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1994-1995"; and

**WHEREAS**, The Acquisition and Development section of the Program proposes funding for acquisition and development of a number of sites; and

**WHEREAS**, The following three sites, proposed for acquisition as public open space, are not designated in the Recreation and Open Space Element as "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" or Master Plan policies;

● A portion of the SFUSD Ortega School property adjacent to Brooks Park, Assessor's Block 7073, lot 50, Assessor's Block 7074, lot 49 Assessor's Block 7075, lot 56.

● Three privately owned lots adjacent to the Brooks Park site, Assessor's Block 7075, lots 34, 35, 36; and

● The Lessing-Sears lot, Assessor's Block 7160, lot 1; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the three sites is contiguous with existing Recreation and Park Department managed parkland, and there is significant community support for the sites' acquisition for open space purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, two alternate sites in the Tenderloin are proposed for consideration for acquisition as a Tenderloin Preschool Playground site. The alternate sites are: Assessor's Block 337, lot 21, and Assessor's Block 336, lot 3. The Recreation and Open Space Element does not designate either of the specific sites for acquisition, but does state: "Provide New Open Space in the General Vicinity;" and



**2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND  
1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 13677  
(Continued)**

**City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.117R)**

**WHEREAS**, at a public hearing on April 28, 1994, the City Planning Commission considered the program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, 1994-1995," at which time the Commission heard public testimony concerning the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, at a public hearing on April 28, 1994, the City Planning Commission also considered Case No. 94.118M, a proposed amendment of the Recreation and Open Space Element, to add three sites to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" under the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to approving the program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1994-1995", the City Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 13676 amending Map 4 of the Recreation and Open Space Element, adding the three sites (referenced above) proposed for acquisition to the Category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; and

**WHEREAS**, \$40,000 in funding from the 1994-1995 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program is budgeted to fund the Department of City Planning to work toward an update of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and/or to fund Department staff time spent on the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program (Prop. E) fiscal year 1995-1996;

**WHEREAS**, members of the Park and Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee revised a Five Year Plan for open space acquisition, development, renovation and maintenance which is consistent with the goals and policies of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the City Planning Commission does hereby find the program contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1994-1995", to be in conformity with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, and in accord with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the Program, and adopt the budget for allocation and expenditure of the Program Fund, as recorded in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1994-1995";

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the recommendations in the updated "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1994-1995"; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That if the Recreation and Park Department determines to proceed with acquisition of a "Natural Areas Banking category" site which is not identified in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element, that the Recreation and Park Department is hereby required to submit specific locations and boundaries of the proposed acquisition site to the City Planning Commission at the time acquisition is proposed, and to submit a report indicating how the Master Plan criteria are being met, at which time the City Planning Commission will consider finding the site in conformity with the Master Plan, and should conformity be verified, consider amendment of Map 4, to add the site to the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element; and be it



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2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND  
1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 13677  
(Continued)**

**City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.117R)**

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That if the Recreation and Park Department determines to proceed with acquisition of one of the alternate Tenderloin Pre-School Playground Sites which is not identified in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element, that the Recreation and Park Department is hereby required to submit the specific site to the City Planning Commission at the time acquisition is proposed, and shall submit a report indicating how Master Plan criteria are being met, at which time the City Planning Commission will make a finding of conformity with the Master Plan, and should conformity be verified, consider amendment of Map 4, to add the site to the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

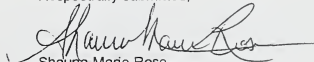
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission. Members of the public may address the Commissions for up to three minutes. The total testimony may be limited to 30 minutes.

**Edith McMillan**, spoke about a roadway in Golden Gate Park and urged the Commission to take action to widen the road. The roadway she wanted widened is from 43rd Avenue and Fulton to 41st and Lincoln. She said this part of the roadway is inadequate for automobile traffic and that widening a portion of the road will make the area safer for the public and ultimately protect lives.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, said the update of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is now being developed and the Recreation and Park Commission will most likely review the plan in July. There is an extensive section pertaining to parking and traffic issues but staff has not recommended the widening of this roadway.

There being no further business, the Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shaunta Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary





San Francisco, California  
May 19, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

693RD REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Third Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 19, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti

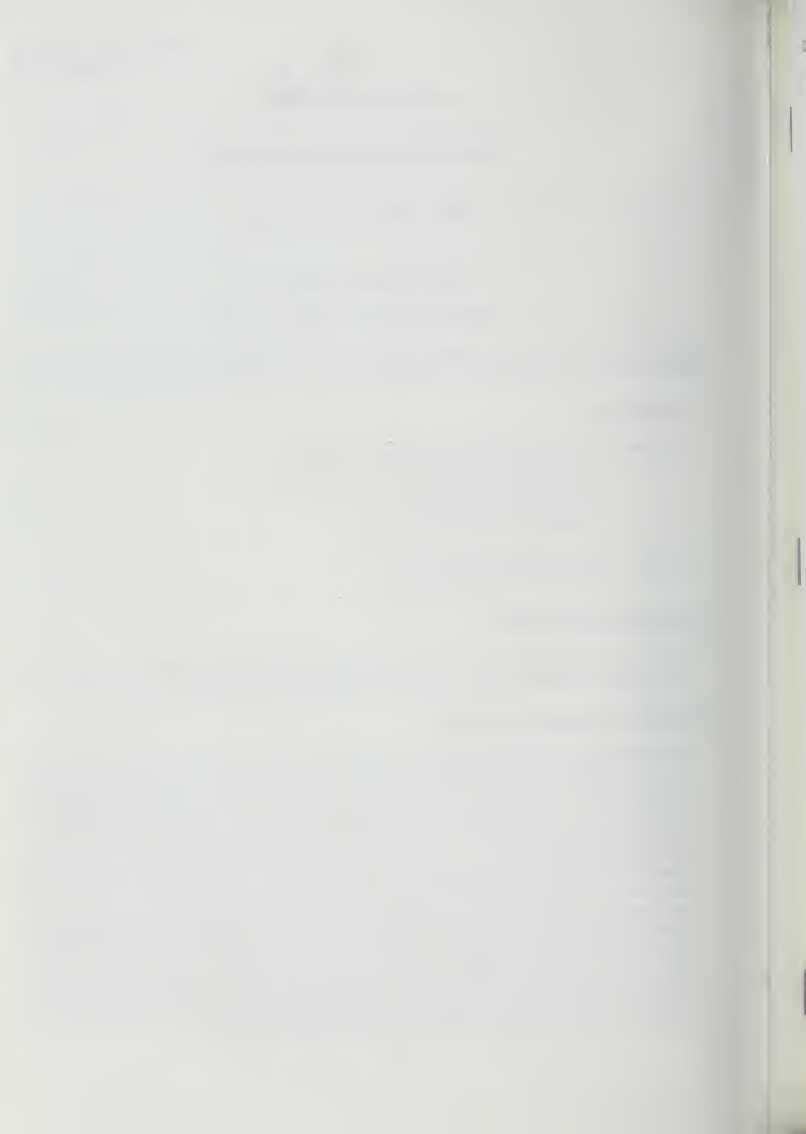
Absent: Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 1994, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, introduced two recreation directors so they might make a presentation to the Commission on the Department's Late Night Rush Basketball Program. Huey Thomas and Joe Ellis, recreation directors, explained that the Department is sponsoring a basketball game between the San Francisco 49ers and other Bay Area celebrities on Friday, June 3, 1994, at Kezar Pavilion to raise funds for the Late Night Rush Basketball Program. It is hoped that between \$50,000 and \$60,000 can be raised. Many corporations and individuals have made donations. Leon Bermudez designed and donated the logo for the event, Pacific Bell provided posters and paid the cost of printing of raffle tickets, PG&E paid for the uniforms for the game, the *Independent* Newspaper ran three advertisements, and the GAP donated 500 T-shirts. There are over 488 participants in the Late Night Rush Basketball Program from the Sunnysdale, Ocean View, Hunters Point, Joseph Lee and Western Addition areas of the City. The 2 year old program has been quite successful and it is hoped that the program can be expanded to other areas in the City. Messrs. Thomas and Ellis urged the Commission to make a commitment to this program by purchasing and selling tickets to the fundraising event.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, then submitted the following report:

*BUDGET UPDATE* As of today's meeting, the Department is looking at a \$1.9 Million reduction in its operating budget. The capital budget and a fairly substantial, unspecified number of cuts have been added to the salary accounts in each of the Divisions throughout the Department. These reductions will result in layoffs as there is not sufficient vacant positions to cover the reductions being asked of the Department.

The Mayor's budget staff has submitted a list of budget reductions for the Recreation and Park Department which total \$4.4 million. Of this total, \$881,418 is from salaries. Fifteen specific positions are targeted for deletion including five gardeners, three gardener supervisors, one assistant recreation director and three recreation supervisors. Four positions which are not specifically identified will also need to be held vacant in order to accommodate these reductions. Therefore, the total effective position reduction is nineteen positions.

In addition to the position reductions, the Mayor's staff has eliminated all equipment from the proposed budget as well as \$3.2 million from capital projects. Included in the capital budget reductions is the purchase of land to be used for event parking for Candlestick Park. This property, if it were to be acquired, would generate approximately \$100,000 annually in parking tax for the general fund as well as approximately \$200,000 annually for the Recreation and Park Department.

*GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN* A draft of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan will be submitted to the Commission for review in July. At that time, staff will be recommending that the draft master plan be submitted to the Department of City Planning for environmental review. Included in the master plan will be all of the work to be performed with the infrastructure bonds approved by the voters in 1992. This work includes utility replacement throughout the park, a new reservoir system, automatic irrigation, reforestation and disabled access projects. Also included in the draft master plan will be recommendations on traffic circulation, road closures, building use, land use, parking and concessions. For the most part, there is a general consensus on the master plan. However, some of the issues, particularly matters involving parking, traffic and concessions, have raised considerable discussion and the Commission will be asked for specific policy direction.

*BAY TO BREAKERS* The Recreation and Park Department has initiated a pre and post assessment procedure that will be implemented for large events held on Recreation and Park Department property. This assessment procedure was first used for the Bay to Breakers race and involved the assessment of the route runners use through Golden Gate Park, the finish area at Ocean Beach and the Polo Field where the "Footstock" post-event is held.

An assessment team consisting of several members of the Department, a Commissioner, a representative from an outside agency and the event promoted toured Golden Gate Park before and after the Bay to Breakers race. The pre-event tour was made on Friday, May 13, at 8:30 a.m. to observe and to video tape the condition of the park prior to the event to establish a baseline assessment for comparison to the post-event tour. The pre-event assessment documented that the park was generally in good condition.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*BAY TO BREAKERS (Continued)* The post-event tour, which was held on Tuesday, May 17, at 8:30 a.m., found the park to be generally clean with some remaining litter at the western most edge of the park, the possibility of six to eight broken sprinkler heads at the Polo Field and some collapsed gopher runs as well. These items were brought to the attention of the event promoters during the post-event tour. It was also noted that where fence and tent posts had been pulled, fairly large, deep holes resulted in the turf and track area. This may explain some of the damage that occurs and the ongoing complaints we receive regarding danger to soccer players on the field and to horses in the track area. The Examiner will attempt to find all the holes and fill them. For future events, the promoter has been asked to mark the spots at the time the posts are pulled.

The assessment process will be looked at further with respect to the timing of the tours pre and post event as well as the specific concerns or considerations that each large event presents.

*CIGARETTE ADVERTISING AT CANDLESTICK PARK* The Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution requesting that the Mayor ask the Recreation and Park Commission to eliminate tobacco advertising at Candlestick Park. Currently there are five cigarette ad panels in the stadium. These ads generate \$250,000 annually in advertising revenue. Staff has begun discussions with SONY regarding the opportunities for replacement advertising. The City Attorney has stated that the advertising can be removed by the Commission but that the advertiser may have a legal claim against the City. The amount of such a claim is undetermined at this time.

*CANDLESTICK PARK ACCESSIBILITY* The Recreation and Park Department is continuing its efforts to bring Candlestick Park into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). New accessible seats have been added throughout the stadium and additional accessible seating is being proposed. The new elevator should be operational by mid-summer. Discussions are continuing with disability rights advocates as to appropriate locations and numbers of new seats.

*ZOO* The opening ceremony for the new "Otter River" exhibit took place on May 12. The renovated exhibit was designed to encourage the natural hunting and social behaviors of its two inhabitants, Ott and Knott. In addition, public viewing is greatly enhanced by the new design. "Otter River" features a number of waterfalls and two pools as deep as seven and a half feet. The otters immediately took advantage of their new environment—diving to their new depths, scrambling down the streams and utilizing their full repertoire of swimming techniques. A device that releases fish randomly, thus stimulating natural hunting techniques, will soon be installed.

*CAMP MATHER* A work crew of approximately 35 people from all trades began pre-season work at Camp Mather on May 2. Along with the routine tasks to open camp for the 1994 season, the work crew will be installing a fire suppression system over the grill in the kitchen, modifying four single occupancy cabins into two double occupancy cabins, providing disabled access to the office and to some of the major recreation elements in camp and reconstructing the entrance sign that once graced the entrance to Camp Mather on Evergreen Road. The work crew is also continuing the very important water and energy conservation program at camp.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*Camp Mather (Continued)* Camp Manager Al Behmer has selected his recreation staff for the 1994 season. Recreation staff selected are Kathy Harold, John Murphy and Paul Davies. Heading the kitchen staff and providing all of the wonderful meals is Chef Mike Cunnane. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable camp season with Al and his qualified staff overseeing Camp Mather this year. Camp registrations are at about 99% with only two double cabins yet available. It's another full house for the 1994 season.

*LIGHTING RETROFIT PROGRAM* During the past year, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power/Bureau of Energy Conservation, and the Recreation and Park Department undertook a focused program of lighting retrofits and boiler improvements. At your places is article from the Bureau of Energy Conservation's newsletter about the Department's participation and the commitment of the Structural Maintenance staff to this program. Significant savings have resulted since the program's inception 14 months ago.

*ACQUISITION OF HAWK HILL* The Board of Supervisors has approved the acquisition of Hawk Hill through eminent domain. Hawk Hill is one of the significant natural areas which has been identified for acquisition through the Open Space Program. Eminent domain action is necessary because the Real Estate Department has not been able to reach an agreement on price with the current owners. The City is legally obligated to pay fair market value for property acquired. If settlement with the owners cannot be reached, the fair market value will be determined by the courts.

*SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES* Summer is just about upon us, and the Recreation Division is gearing up for a fun and exciting summer. Day Camp registration was a huge success. For the first time, mail-in applications were accepted and proved to be an excellent alternative to the previous walk-in method. At your places you will find a listing of these camps and a description of each, including the Randall Camps which are new this year. All camps are now full. There are plans to attend several Giants games this summer as well as go on traditional outings to Marine World, Great America and Santa Cruz. The very popular Sea Camp will also continue with an expanded format that will include a visit to the Monterey Bay Aquarium for children with disabilities.

Once again, staff has documented a dramatic increase in demand for our services. This is the first year that all camps were sold out during the initial registration, including the new Randall Camp. The Department remains optimistic that it can continue to serve all who request participation in programs, even with diminishing resources.

*STRYBING ARBORETUM* The 27th Annual Plant Sale was a huge success. There were gross revenues of \$55,010. This included sales of plants, new and used books and memberships.

The annual fundraising dinner will held this Saturday, May 21, in the gardens from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Invitations were sent to all Commissioners. The Strybing Arboretum Society is pleased to provide you with a copy of The Natural Habitat Garden, which features a nine-page section that shows the beauty and describes the success and importance of the Arboretum's Arthur L. Menzies Memorial Garden of native California plants. Of particular note is the high praise given to the gardener, King Sip: "Everything fits—but keeping it that way against the efforts of people, birds, wind, and other forces that carry incongruous influences is the Menzies' heroic gardener, King Sip."





### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### *DATES TO REMEMBER*

Saturday, May 21, 1994	Event '94; 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sigmund Stern Grove
Wednesday, May 25, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; Excelsior Playground, Russia and Madrid;
Friday, May 27, 1994	Raza Luncheon; 12:00 noon; County Fair Building
Monday, May 30, 1994	Memorial Day Holiday
Wednesday, June 1, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, June 2, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, June 6, 1994	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, June 7, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolutions were adopted:

#### a. PERSONNEL MATTERS

RES. NO. 16885

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period April 2, 1994 through May 4, 1994.

#### b. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT AFTERSCHOOL COLLABORATIVE

RES. NO. 16886

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the Richmond District After School Collaborative (RDASC).

#### c. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT AFTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE

RES. NO. 16887

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the Ella Hill Hutch After School Latch Key Collaborative.



4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

d. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RES. NO. 16888

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation division overnight river rafting trip for visually impaired teenagers (ages 13-18) to the American River on June 21-22, 1994.

e. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
PROJECT INSIGHT  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RES. NO. 16889

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation Project Insight overnight camping trip for deaf teenagers (ages 14-18) to Camp Mather from June 21-24, 1994.

f. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
RECREATION DIVISION  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RES. NO. 16890

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the children and youth services pre-teen urban program (ages 12-18) overnight camping trip to Big Basin State Park on July 19-20, 1994.

g. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
PROJECT INSIGHT  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RES. NO. 16891

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation Project Insight for blind youth (ages 6-18) overnight trip with Sea Camp, July 27, 1994 to Half Moon Bay, California.

h. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
PROJECT INSIGHT,  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RES. NO. 16892

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation Project Insight overnight camping trip for deaf children (ages 6-13) to Camp Mather from August 8-13, 1994.

i. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
ST. MARY'S RECREATION CENTER  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RES. NO. 16893

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the St. Mary's Recreation Center (ages 9-17) overnight camping trip to Brannan Island State Park, Antioch, California from August 12,-14, 1994.



4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

- j. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 16894  
RECREATION DIVISION-PROJECT INSIGHT  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation Project Insight overnight camping trip for blind teenagers (ages 14-19) to Camp Mather from August 16-19, 1994.

- k. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 16895  
TENNIS COURT COMPLEX  
FOOD VENDING PUSH CART/MOBILE TRUCK/BOOTH CONCESSION

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to place a food vending pushcart concession in the Golden Gate Park tennis courts complex.

- l. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 16896  
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN  
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract to Royston Hanamoto Alley and Abey, in the amount of \$115,000, for preparation of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

- m. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT RES. NO. 16897

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the acceptance of gift in place of a sprayer valued at \$9,000 for use in neighborhood parks, Recreation and Park Department.

- n. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 16898  
THREE YEAR INFORMATION SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department's three year information systems master plan.

- o. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS RES. NO. 16899  
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM: Dr. Avery Bennett

Iguana, Sex Unknown

DONATION TO: Boy Scouts of America, Troop #543  
c/o Seba Dalkai School  
Star Route  
Winslow, AZ 66047

Four (4) male and two (2) female Peafowl



4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

o. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**  
**ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS** (Continued)

RES. NO. 16899

PURCHASED FROM: West Coast Zoological  
P. O. Box 720849  
San Diego, CA 92172

Three (3) tarantulas, sex unknown, valued at approximately \$200.00  
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

EXCHANGED WITH: University of Maryland  
Department of Psychology  
College Place, MD 20749

Two (2) female and three (3) unknown sex, mantids

PURCHASED FROM: North Caroline Biological  
2700 York Road  
Burlington, NC 27215

Colony of tomato worms and silk moths, valued at \$45.00  
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

DONATION FROM: Lindsey Museum  
1901 First Avenue  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-2540

One (1) male gopher snake

SOLD TO: International Wildlife Conservation Park  
185th and Southern Blvd.  
Bronx, New York 10460

Two (2) male and three (3) female penguins, valued at \$5,000.00  
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

p. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**CONCERT FOR UNITY, 1994**  
**MULTIPLE DAY EVENT**

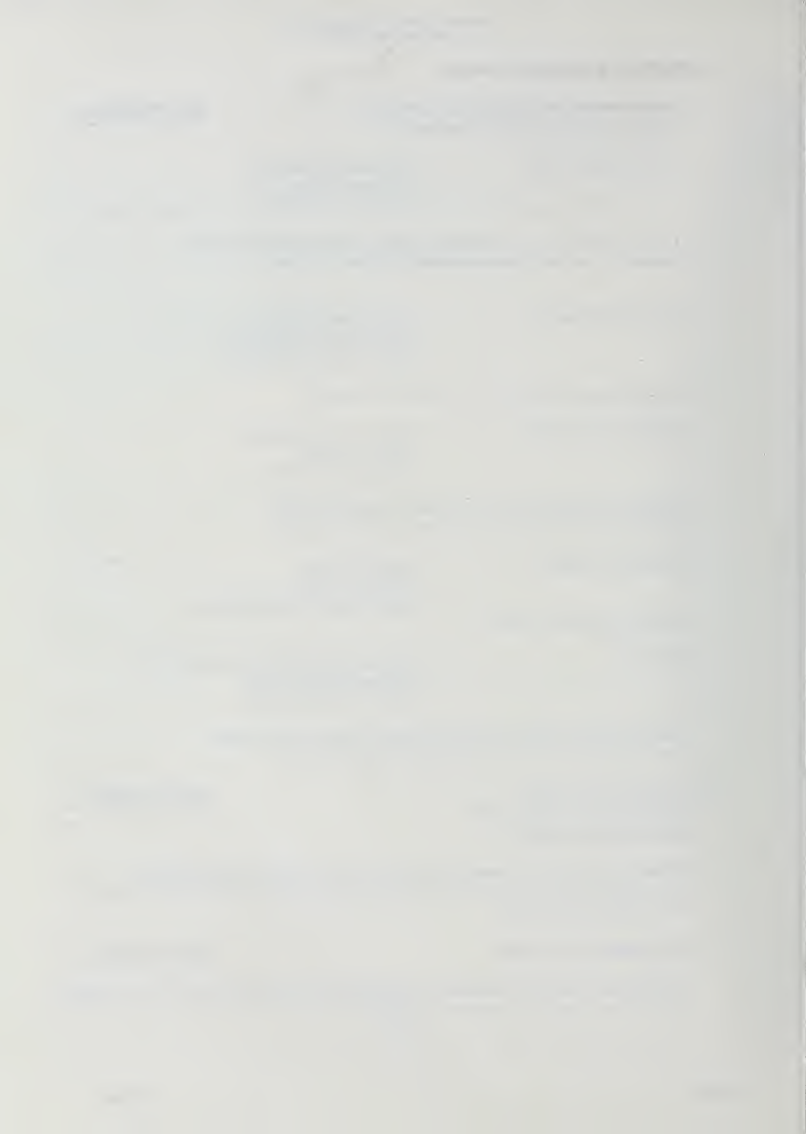
RES. NO. 16900

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the two day event at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, 1994, for the "Concert for Unity, 94".

q. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

RES. NO. 16901

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Jin L. Wu in the amount of \$8,500.





#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

##### r. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

RES. NO. 16902

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Stephanie Allen in the amount of \$20,000.

##### s. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

RES. NO. 16903

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Shawn Thomas Melton in the amount of \$5,000.

#### GENERAL CALENDAR

#### 5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OPERATING BUDGET

Acceptance of the San Francisco Zoological Society operating budget for fiscal year ending 6/30/95 for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the San Francisco Zoological Society and Recreation and Park Department management agreement requires the Society to present a budget by May 1 for the following fiscal year. The budget provides a list of priorities for the upcoming year and some assumptions in the 1994-95 budget. Mr. Arnold outlined some of the elements of the Zoo budget:

♦**Attendance** The assumption is that attendance will remain steady for the year ahead. The attendance level is at a low figure by historical standards and the Zoo's attendance has been dropping. The Society does not think it is reasonable to expect attendance to increase in the coming year.

♦**Staffing Levels** The Society will not hire new staff except for custodial positions to enhance the appearance of the Zoo.

♦**Salary Increase** The Society is budgeting a modest wage increase in accordance with the City standardization process, setting aside approximately 5% for City staff at the Zoo and 3% for Society staff at the Zoo. The Society will "escrow" these monies as the wage increases are tied to the City's salary standardization process. Raises for City employees have been withdrawn by the Mayor.

♦**Marketing/Advertising** An increase of \$567,000 is included in the budget for an effort to turn around the attendance drop at the Zoo.

♦**Membership Dues Increase** The Society is budgeting a membership dues increase effective July 1, 1994 that would increase the fees for a Family from \$45 to \$55, Individual from \$25 to \$35, and Student/Senior from \$15 to \$25.

♦**Admission Fee** The Society is not proposing an admission fee increase at this time. The assumption is that when some of the exhibits are developed a fee increase may be considered.



5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**  
**SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**OPERATING BUDGET (Continued)**

•**Other Revenue Assumptions** Assuming that the Zoological Society membership will grow slightly, the annual giving will also slightly increase. The Society is launching a major campaign to raise \$10 Million for capital improvements at the Zoo.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, **Zoo Director, David Anderson**, explained that the drop in attendance at the Zoo is not a national trend but is occurring because of bad publicity about the Zoo in past years. There was question about closing the City's Zoo last year which contributed to the decline in attendance.

Commissioner Rovetti felt that the Zoo will improve in the next five years with the addition of new exhibits.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that she just returned from the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance conference where zoo attendance figures were discussed. Most zoos find that new exhibits must be added in order to keep attendance levels high. A new major exhibit has not been done at the San Francisco Zoo since the primate center was completed in 1986. Nationally, the trend is to have a phased, improvement plan so people keep returning to zoos.

Mr. Arnold referred to a chart which outlined the current budget, the expected actual revenues and expenses year-to-date, the forecast for the end of the year and the planned budget for next year. Since the Society assumed management responsibility in October of 1993 the budget is difficult to read because some of the funding has been done by the City and other accounts are managed by the Society. This budget is out of balance by \$1 Million which reflects the lower attendance. The only significant increase is in insurance because the Society had to insure certain items the City previously insured.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the management agreement gives the Commission review and oversight responsibilities for the budget. The Commission may comment and disapprove elements of the budget and still retains policy setting authority and oversight at the Zoo. The City allocates \$4 Million from the General Fund for the Zoo each year.

Commissioner Mazzola explained that the budget shows a 5% increase in wages for salary standardization; however, the Mayor vetoed the salary increases for City employees. Mr. Arnold said that the Society will not increase the actual dollars paid to employees but would set up an escrow account. If the City pays increases to City employees then this "set aside" would be used to pay employees at the Zoo. Commissioner Mazzola was puzzled that the City states that it cannot afford to pay salary increases but allocates money for a wage increase. He was appalled that the City says it cannot afford to pay City employees salary increases yet both the Zoological Society and the City sets aside money for salary increases.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16904**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission accepts the San Francisco Zoological Society operating budget for fiscal year ending 6/30/95 for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.



**5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
OPERATING BUDGET (Continued)**

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti

Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

**6. KEZAR STADIUM  
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY  
SALE OF ALCOHOL**

Reconsideration of trial sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium for a six month period.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that on 2/17/94 the Commission approved a change in the Operation and Permit Policy for Kezar Stadium to allow a six month trial period for alcohol sales at Kezar Stadium. At the time this was recommended and approved there were certain representations about the amount of money that would be raised and there was a substantial amount of controversy about whether this was a good idea. Staff has reviewed the projected revenues from the sale of alcohol and determined that it would be quite minimal. Mr. Arnold projected that alcohol Sales at Kezar would generate \$15,000 to \$20,000 in revenue for the Department. Based on the minimal revenues and the substantial opposition to this proposal, staff recommended that the Commission reconsider this issue.

**Margareta Ekblad**, a neighbor and part of the Panhandle Resident Association, explained that she patrolled the streets and sees the activities of the neighborhood. She personally opposed the sale of alcohol, particularly at Kezar, a facility to be used by youngsters, and urged the Commission to reconsider its vote.

**Valerie Pope**, vice president of Residents Against Drugees (RAD), was very aware of the affects from alcohol and drug abuse. She presented a letter from the President of RAD opposing the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. She said that the Cole Valley Improvement Association and the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council also oppose the sale of alcohol at Kezar. The stadium is too close to residential areas and its use is mainly for young people. She did not think anyone would benefit by the sale of alcoholic beverages.

**Vostoch Licko**, a member of the Height Ashbury Neighborhood Coalition, said that sport activities do not necessarily go hand-in-hand with alcohol. The area is already impacted with violence and the sale of alcohol at a public place would only worsen the situation. The availability of Kezar for young people is very important and he urged the Commission to not consider a trial sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

**David Crommie**, a member of the Board of Directors of Cole Valley Improvement Association, and delegate for San Francisco Neighborhoods, explained that at a recent meeting of the San Francisco Neighborhood Coalition, a resolution was unanimously passed urging the Recreation and Park Commission to rescind its decision to allow the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. He said the bonds for Kezar Stadium were supported by the public on the understanding that the stadium was for community groups, local high schools, and sports leagues. A major policy change would betray the trust of the voters and the mission of this recreational facility.

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6. **KEZAR STADIUM  
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY  
SALE OF ALCOHOL (Continued)**

**Larry Burghheimer**, a member of the Kezar/Poly Neighborhood Association, lives across the street from the stadium, and said that Recreation and Park does not need to convey to the public that the use of alcohol or any other drug at Kezar Stadium is an acceptable source of revenue for the Department.

**Margaret Brodtkin**, Director of Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, supported the staff recommendation and thanked the Commission for reconsidering this issue. From their perspective the stadium is a recreational opportunity and there is a need to be proactive and aggressive in promotion of youth policies for the City. Anything that restricts opportunities for youth recreation should be discouraged. She said the message given is that adults want to drink but children cannot. She finally stated that the KCBS radio station recently gave an editorial asking the Commission to rescind its recent decision.

**Estela Becerra**, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, and Kezar/Poly Association, appreciated that the Commission reconsidered this issue, and said that a great deal of time and energy went into planning the Kezar Operation Permit Policy. She said the main purpose of the stadium is for sports and athletic events, principally for youth and the community. The stadium is in a residential area and the sale and use of alcohol will invite crime, vandalism and litter to the neighborhood. She opposed the sale and use of alcohol in the stadium and felt it would commercialize the facility.

**Donna Gouse**, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC), urged the Commission to rescind its policy to allow the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. She said the stadium should remain a facility to serve the youth and community and be a free, public serving facility.

**James Beck**, a resident of the Haight Ashbury, representing the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic, said the Clinic, for the last 28 years, has been committed to prevention of alcohol and drug abuse in the Haight. He felt that privatizing a public facility which was designed for youth and adding the sale of alcohol would only exacerbate problems. He strongly opposed the sale of alcohol at Kezar.

**Kenneth Brown**, a resident of the area and a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, explained that he wrote an extensive letter to the Mayor and gave an impartial and logical analysis of the major factors that entered into the decision to sell alcohol at Kezar. Since the Commission meeting on this issue, a petition with over 500 signatures was presented to the Mayor. At least 95% of the people questioned were opposed to this proposal. He hoped the Commission would disapprove the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

**Josefa Perez**, raised 5 children in the Western Addition and said there are very few resources in that part of the City. All of her children have used Kezar Stadium at one time or another and it appalled her that the sale of alcohol at Kezar would be considered. She noted that there are liquor stores and bars on every corner of her community and it is devastated by alcohol and drugs. She would not allow her kids to use Kezar if alcohol was sold and would boycott the facility.





6. **KEZAR STADIUM  
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY  
SALE OF ALCOHOL (Continued)**

**Kristin Maberley**, a resident of the neighborhood, has 2 elementary aged children and opposed the sale of alcohol. Her children participated in a special program funded by the School District regarding the use of alcohol and felt that the children were receiving a double message. There should be places where people can play without dispensing alcohol and the sale of alcohol makes children question adults and they are taught.

**Rennie O'Brien**, said the last time he appeared before the Commission approved the sale of alcohol for a six month period. In the last 4 days he collected signatures in support of the sale of alcohol at Kezar and noted that beer is sold at Kezar Pavilion. He wondered what would be done if a neighborhood association near Candlestick Park decided beer should not be sold at that stadium. He represented many people who want to play at Kezar Stadium to get their moment of fame. Rugby events, San Francisco Tigers, St. Ignatius High School and others who played at Kezar in the past will not be using the facility in the future. He said that 50% of the time Kezar is empty. Mr. O'Brien recently attended the Cinco de Mayo event at Civic Center Plaza and saw a large banner advertising beer. The banner represents sponsorship money that is needed to offset the operating costs associated with the rental of facilities. He said that in one year there will be no adult teams using the stadium and that was not the intent of the Kezar Stadium.

**Nancy Cutler**, a neighbor to Kezar Stadium and a parent, opposed the sale of alcohol. She said that she can look out her window onto Kezar and sees that it is used all day long and into the evening. The Stadium may not have as many commercial events but people who raise kids in the City want to have recreational areas that are not commercialized.

Commissioner Rovetti explained that he was not present at the meeting when the vote was taken on this issue because he was in the hospital. He played at Kezar Stadium when he attended USF and when he played for the 49ers. He felt there was no reason to sell alcohol at Kezar Stadium and hoped that his fellow commissioners would concur with his sentiment and oppose the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

In response to Commissioner Chan's request regarding staff's revenue projection from the sale of alcohol, Mr. Arnold said they assumed that the sale of alcohol would be permitted for adult sporting events only. He projected the number of adult sporting events based on 1000 participants per event, with one-third of the people purchasing beer at a cost of \$4.00 per beer. The percentage payable to the Department would be in the range of 10% generating \$10,000 to \$20,000 to the Department. This computation was estimated and based on the very little data which is available.

Commissioner Chan said when he voted for this he thought a six month trial period was fair but given the cost figures presented by staff and the major opposition presented by the neighborhood the projected revenues may not be worth the social cost.

President Immendorf said that the primary reason a trial period was approved was based on bleak financial outlook for the Department given the budget problems it faces. He felt the Commission acted responsibly but has been approached by many groups to reconsider this decision and find other ways to generate revenue for the Department.



**6. KEZAR STADIUM  
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY  
SALE OF ALCOHOL (Continued)**

Commissioner Mazzola voted in favor of this issue in February and intended to vote against rescinding it because the arguments had not changed. He did not want more alcohol consumption in the community but he was worried about the survival of adult sports and believed that sponsorships are needed for them. He felt that a trial period should be permitted to see if adult sports can flourish with the help of sponsors. Secondly, he believed that money is needed for the Department to maintain the Stadium.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16905**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission rescinds its action of February 17, 1994 to allow the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium on a trial basis for a six month period.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti

Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

*The Commission recessed from 3:10 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.*

**7. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND  
RENOVATION**

Approval of playground renovation project at Jose Coronado Playground.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained at the Parks and Planning Committee the staff presented an alternative plan to renovate Jose Coronado Playground that had not been presented at a public hearing. Staff was proposing that the alternative be considered and the Committee asked staff to take the alternative plan to a public hearing before the Commission considered the plan. Staff did not have time to schedule a hearing and has now been advised that the alternative plan is not feasible. Therefore staff proposed that this item be delayed one month to give adequate notice that the plan previously agreed upon at the last community meeting will be presented to the Commission for approval in June.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, this item was referred to next month's meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission.

**8. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
CORPORATION YARD  
UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK**

Approval of underground fuel tank replacement at entrance to the Corporation Yard, Golden Gate Park.

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**8. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
CORPORATION YARD  
UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK (Continued)**

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that substantial savings in fuel costs will be realized by the Department relocating and replacing its old fuel tanks at the Corporation Yard. The pumps will be moved to the entrance of the Corporation Yard at Martin Luther King Drive. The area will be screened with plantings and what is now a two lane asphalt road will be split into two single lane asphalt roads. A fence will be placed with 2 gates on each side permitting one way access. The fuel pumps will be located 20' inside the fenced area with a turnaround allowing vehicles to swing in, fuel and leave. Currently, non-department vehicles must drive into the Corporation Yard to fuel. The entrance to the Corporation Yard will be screened so that the public view is no longer of an asphalt area. The Park Patrol Office will be relocated closer to this area to offer supervision of the fuel tank area and to have more visible access to the outside of the park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16906**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the placement of the underground fuel tank at entrance to the Corporation Yard, Golden Gate Park.

**9. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY  
SIX MONTH REVIEW**

Review of the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.05, Resolution No. 16640.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that the Permit and Reservation Policy requires a six month review by the Commission. Staff proposed several changes to the existing policy which he outlined:

● **Amplified Sound** at Justin Herman Plaza. Staff proposed that all requests be administratively approved that fall within the existing policy, allowing amplified sound Monday through Friday 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., not to exceed 2 consecutive hours, and Sundays and holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. not to exceed 2 consecutive hours. Any request that varies from existing policy would be brought to the Commission for approval. This is a result of the accommodation that was made for the ice skating rink at Justin Herman Plaza when the Commission permitted amplified sound outside of the existing policy.

● **Marx Meadow**. Staff changed the policy limiting the amplified sound at Marx Meadow from 4 hours to 2 hours on one day on alternating weekends. This formula was difficult to administer. Therefore staff asked that amplified sound be allowed one day per weekend rather than alternating the weekends. This policy was adopted to mitigate some of the problems that have occurred at Marx Meadow associated with large parties and the use of amplified sound. Since the policy has been in effect there has been fewer events of this kind and a decrease in complaints from the neighborhood.

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## 9. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

● **Road Closures.** Under existing policy all road closures must be approved by the Commission. The proposed change is to administratively approve the road closures if they have occurred in the past without incident and if it is the same promoter as in past years. All new road closures and closures that have presented problems would be reviewed by the Commission.

● **Closure of Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive.** In the past year, events on Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive have become popular. There are many requests to close Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive and some of those requests have extended to mid-day and later. Staff has discouraged this type of request because it is difficult for the institutions in Golden Gate Park to operate when the road is closed, it disrupts the bus routes and parking of vehicles in the area. Staff recommended that the roads not be closed beyond 11:00 a.m., however the Committee recommended that the hour be changed to no longer than 10:00 a.m.

● **In-Kind Services.** All in-kind services shall be approved or ratified by the Commission.

● **Multiple day permits and road closures** that are approved administratively will be reported to the Commission in the General Manager's Report.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that there are events that have traditionally taken place at Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive past 10:00 a.m., such as the Run to the Far Side, a fund raiser for the California Academy of Sciences, which opens the road no later than 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Chan explained that Commissioner Sommer suggested the hour of 10:00 a.m. to benefit the institutions in the park.

**C. H. Elise,** representing Big Noise Productions, explained that the amplified sound restriction at Marx Meadow creates a problem for her group. She wanted to stage benefits in this area with 4 or 5 bands performing. She said it was very difficult to rush people on and off stage in 2 hours and asked that special consideration be given for the type of events she stages as they are well organized and controlled.

**Kaya Hunt,** representing Big Noise Productions, said it is summer time and they wanted to celebrate the rites of summer. Two hours of amplified sound is not sufficient because there is a 30 minute time period between bands for set-up and take-down. She asked if 4 hours of amplified sound could be permitted for the Marx Meadow area in the park.

**Tom Osher,** asked why there was only a 2 hour amplified sound restriction for Marx Meadow and wondered why Speedway Meadow could not be used for amplified sound. He felt that at least 6 hours of amplified sound seemed reasonable for Marx Meadow. He said there was a need for flexibility and that the policy was too restrictive.

Mr. Robinson said that not all events in Marx Meadow have abused the amplified sound policy and that when the bandshell renovation is completed it will be an appropriate venue for this type of activity as the sound restriction is more liberal in this area of the park. Marx Meadow is closely located to homes across the street and neighbors have complained to the Department and the Richmond Police Station. Lindley and Speedway Meadows are reserved primarily as picnic areas and the amplified sound restrictions are even more stringent.





**9. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY  
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)**

In response to Ms. Burns' request for clarification on the issue of reporting permits in the General Manager's Report, Commissioner Chan said that permits for multiple day events, in-kind services, and road closures should be reported through the General Manager's report.; not for every permit the Department issues.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Robinson explained that Sigmund Stern Grove allows amplified sound and the restrictions are more liberal for that site.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16907**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following amendments to the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.05:

❶ Amplified Sound at Justin Herman Plaza. Any request that varies from the current restriction shall be considered individually by the Recreation and Park Commission

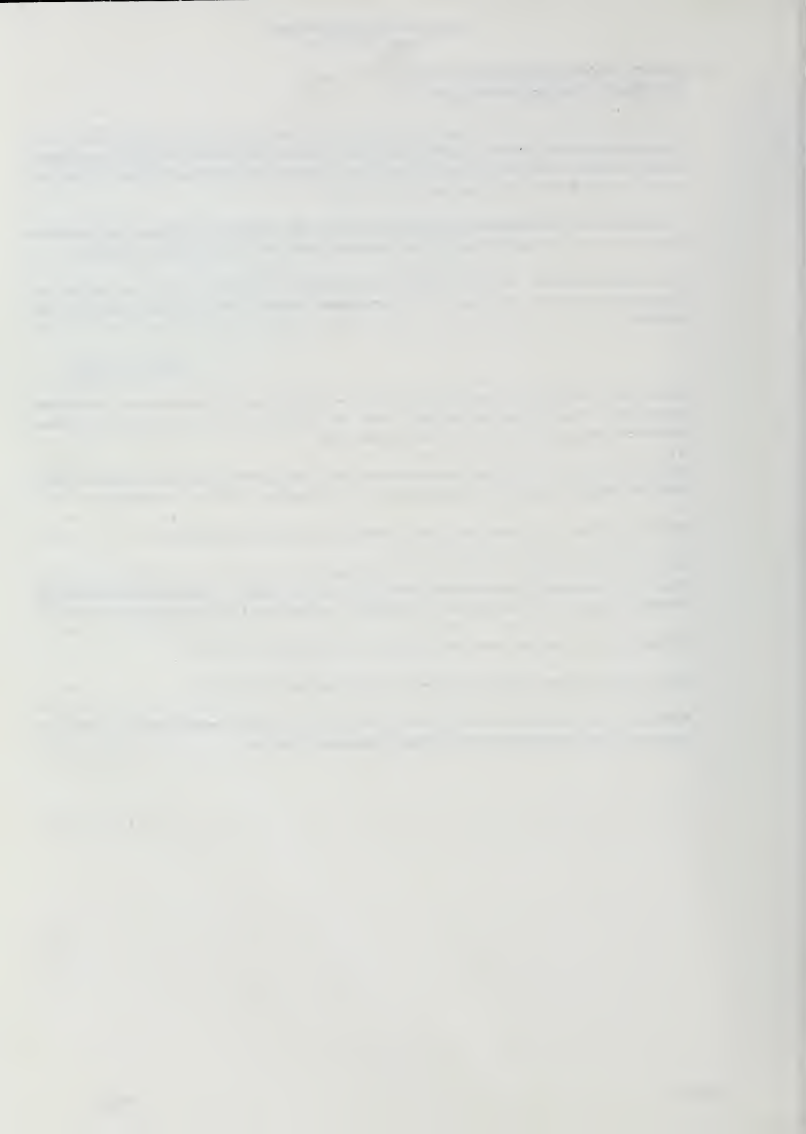
❷ Marx Meadow. Amplified sound shall be allowed one day per weekend.

❸ Road Closures shall be approved administratively if they have occurred in the past without incident and if it is the same promoter as in past years. All new road closures and closures that have presented problems would be reviewed by the Commission.

❹ Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive shall be opened no later than 11:00 a.m.

❺ All in-kind services shall be approved or ratified by the Commission.

❻ Multiple day permits and road closures that are approved administratively shall be reported to the Commission in the General Manager's Report.



**10. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**LE TOUR DE SANFRANCEISCO BICYCLE EVENT**  
**ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE**

Approval of permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park and along the Great Highway on Sunday, July 10, 1994, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for Le Tour de sanFRANCEisco Bicycle event.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that this item is a request for a road closure in connection with a bicycle race. He outlined the road closures to the Commission and said this event has been held in the past without incident. The event draws about 3000 bicyclists and is well organized. The normal \$1.00 participant fee per registered rider will be charged although the promoter has expressed his concern about the fee and felt it was too high. Staff did not want to make an exception to any one group and recommended the Commission approve the permit fee and road closures.

**Emile J. Lacampagne**, said the Le Tour de SanFRANCEisco event has been held for the last 15 years and over 50,000 have participated in the event. He appeared before the Parks and Planning Committee to voice his opposition to the participant fee, which he has voiced for the last 3 years. The riders are opposed to the participant fee because it represents a double taxation and they use the park for an average of 7 minutes. The issue is the blanket assessment fee and the assumption that the promoter would raise the entry fee. He said he would not raise the entry fee and has not done so in the last 3 years. Rather, he wanted to review the participant fee policy and said that, with great regret, he would be forced to cancel his event for the first time in 15 years. He simply could not manage the event with the outstanding issue of the fee.

President Immendorf asked if the event was being canceled because of the \$1.00 participant fee. Mr. Lacampagne said that he understood that the Parks and Planning Committee would review the participant fee policy but it would not do so for another 6 months.

Commissioner Chan explained that at the Committee meeting Mr. Lacampagne's argument was that if his group only spent a short time period in the park then the fee should be modified. Commissioner Chan felt that assessing the participant fee based on the time spent in the park would be impossible to administer and informed Mr. Lacampagne that the Permit and Reservation Policy is reviewed every six months and that perhaps the participant fee could be considered for small event promoters at that time.

After much discussion, and in light of the statement made by Mr. Lacampagne that the event was canceled, the Commission did not consider the road closure or the permit fee.



**11. GREAT HIGHWAY  
ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ TRIATHALON  
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE**

Approval of permit fee and road closures along the Great Highway on Saturday, July 16, 1994, for the 14th annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, outlined the road closures for this event and said there has not been any problems with this event in past years. The event is small, with only 15-20 people participating in the event. He recommended approval of the road closure and permit fee.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16908**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee and road closures along the Great Highway on Saturday, July 16, 1994, for the 14th annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon.

**12. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
AIDS WALK  
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE**

Approval of permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 17, 1994, from 8:00 am until 1:30 p.m. for the Annual AIDS Walk.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, outlined the road closures for the 8th annual AIDS walk and said the anticipated attendance is 15,000. Last year, approximately 12,000 participated in the event which is well organized. The participant fee is \$1.00 per person and he recommended approval of the road closures and permit fee.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16909**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 17, 1994, from 8:00 am until 1:30 p.m. for the Annual AIDS Walk.



**13. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO MARATHON  
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE**

Approval of permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway on Sunday, July 31, 1994, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. , for the San Francisco Marathon.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, outlined the route for the road closures for this event. Originally, the group wanted to use Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive but staff persuaded them to use a different route through Bowling Green Drive, to Middle Drive and then to Kezar Stadium. The event was held last year with a similar route that did not present a problem to the park. Mr. Robinson was recently informed that Kezar Drive is under the jurisdiction of Recreation and Park. However, the promoter has already received approval from Inter-Safety Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) to close a portion of Kezar Drive. Next year if the event does end in Kezar Stadium staff will ask for permission to close this portion of Kezar Drive. The Kezar Drive road closure did back up traffic towards 19th Avenue last year but the rest of the event occurred without incident. The Marathon expects 3,000 to 5,000 participants and the \$1.00 participant fee will be charged.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16910**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway on Sunday, July 31, 1994, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. , for the San Francisco Marathon.

**14. NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY  
CAMP MATHER SOFTBALL FIELD**

Consideration to name the softball field at Camp Mather in memory of Justin "Bumper" Smith Field.

**Heavy Equipment Supervisor, Dwain Swain**, explained that Justin Smith had a long connection and career with Camp Mather having begun working there as a lifeguard and in subsequent years working as the Camp office manager. In later years he became a San Francisco Firefighter and continued his participation at Camp Mather by serving as fire marshall for the Bluegrass Festivals held at Camp Mather for its spring and summer festivals. Justin passed away last summer. Mr. Swain asked that the unnamed ball field at Camp Mather be named in honor of Justin Bumper Smith. The request was supported by Dick Minderman, the former camp manager as well as the San Francisco Fire Department.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16911**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the naming of the softball field at Camp Mather in memory of Justin "Bumper" Smith.



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**15. NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY**  
**BALBOA STADIUM**

Consideration to rename Balboa Stadium in memory of Matthew J. Boxer.

Commissioner Rovetti explained that the name of Matt Boxer is a very familiar name to those who play soccer. Matt Boxer was a very important person to the City, was president of the United States Soccer Association and was instrumental in getting the World Cup Soccer in the United States in 1994. He was involved in Bay Area politics and dedicated his life to youth soccer. He suggested that Balboa Stadium be renamed in his honor.

Al Teglia, a member of the City Council for Daly City, was present on behalf of County Supervisor Mary Griffin of San Mateo County who served on the Millbrae City Council when Matt Boxer was councilman; later he became Mayor of Millbrae. He said that Matt came up the roadways of life on his own and sponsored soccer in San Mateo County and was always a sponsor of youth activities. He encouraged the Commission to change the name of Balboa Stadium to Matthew J. Boxer Stadium in his honor.

President Immendorf explained that Senator Kopp was going to be present to speak in support of this name change and that last year Supervisor Kevin Shelley introduced a resolution at the Board of Supervisors urging the Recreation and Park Commission to rename the facility in Matt Boxer's name. He encouraged the Commission to honor Commissioner Rovetti's request.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16912**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves renaming Balboa Stadium to Matthew J. Boxer Stadium.

**16. MARINA YACHT HARBOR**  
**MARINA MASTER PLAN**

Approval of design project with the Department of Public Works for breakwaters at West Harbor and Gas House for the Marina Yacht Harbor.

***Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.***



## **17. BAY TO BREAKERS RACE**

### **IN-KIND SERVICE**

Ratification of the in-kind service, valued at \$30,000, to be provided by Examiner Charities to the Recreation and Park Department in lieu of the permit fee for the Bay-to-Breakers race which was held on May 15, 1994.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Bay to Breakers sponsor appeared before the Commission last month and requested that the permit fee of \$60,000 be split to a \$30,000 cash payment and \$30,000 in the form of an in-kind service. The Commission directed staff to meet with the sponsor to develop the actual service. Bay to Breakers has written a letter which outlines the type of service they will provide which includes eight quarter page advertisement spaces to advertise Recreation and Park events and programs. Formerly, the Department published a program of services but most of that money has been deleted from the budget with the elimination of the Public Relations Office. The Examiner has a wide circulation and this service will enhance the Department's ability to promote and advertise its programs. The Examiner will offer assistance to the Teen Newspaper Program which is of value to the Department

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16913**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the in-kind service, valued at \$30,000, to be provided by Examiner Charities to the Recreation and Park Department for the permit fee in connection with the Bay-to-Breakers race held on May 15, 1994, as follows:

- ♦Eight quarter page advertisement spaces in the San Francisco Examiner
- ♦A mentor program for the Department's Teen Newspaper Program

## **18. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**

### **FOOD VENDING PUSH CART/MOBILE TRUCK/BOOTH CONCESSION**

Approval of a one year permit with a one year option for the food vending pushcart/mobile truck/booth concessions on Recreation and Park Department property.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that historically a one year permit is issued for the Department's mobile push cart concession. This year staff asked that the policy be changed to offer a one year option to renew the permits, thereby allowing a 2 year permit if the vendor satisfies specific requirements. Those requirements are:

- ♦Makes all monthly payments on or before due date
- ♦Resolves all outstanding debts, particularly with local, Federal and State agencies
- ♦Properly submits the monthly payment statement on time when due
- ♦Reports sales accurately sales on the monthly payment statement
- ♦Maintains the equipment and location(s)
- ♦Submits no "insufficient funds" checks
- ♦Uses the Department's umbrella or canopy (so all push carts are standardized)
- ♦Meets all other terms and conditions of the permit



## 18. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

### FOOD VENDING PUSH CART/MOBILE TRUCK/BOOTH CONCESSION

If the vendor satisfies those provisions then staff would like the Commission to approve the administrative extension of the permit for one additional year. Staff believes that a 2 year permit will increase the number of people who apply for these permits and possibly increase the rental payments.

President Immendorf said that this item was heard at the Committee level where the Committee modified the deadline for submission of bids from 5/24/94 to 6/7/94.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RES. NO. 16914

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one year permit with a one year option for the food vending pushcart/mobile truck/booth concessions on Recreation and Park Department property at the following locations:

#### **Golden Gate Park Locations:**

- Big Rec Baseball Field
- Polo Field (outside only)
- Spreckles Lake
- JFK Drive at 6th Avenue
- King Drive Playground
- Conservatory of Flowers (East Wing Parking Area)

#### **Neighborhood Locations:**

- Marina Green (East and West)
- Crocker Amazon
- Beach Chalet Soccer and West Sunset
- 900 Great Highway (Cabrillo)
- 1100 Great Highway (Lincoln Way)
- Golden Gate Park Tennis Court Complex

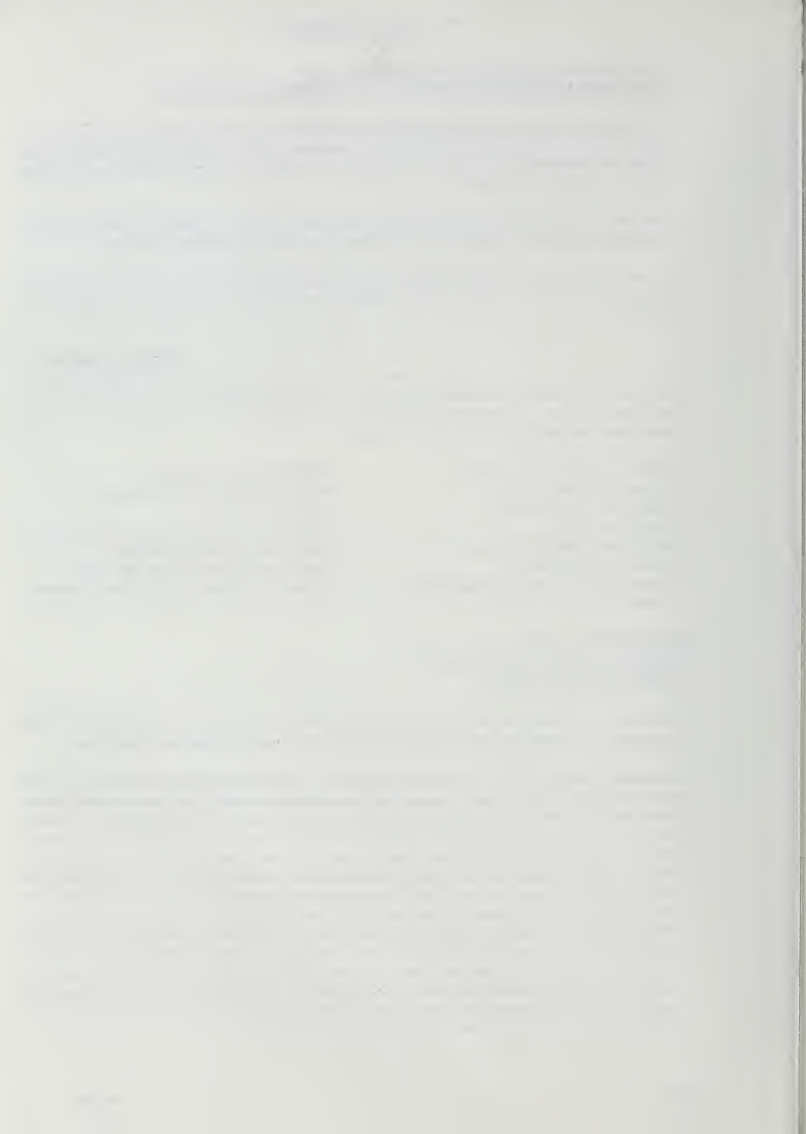
## 19. CANDLESTICK PARK

### **PARKING LOT #6 -PARCEL #4977**

#### PERMIT WITH CITY PARK

Approval of a month-to-month permit with City Park to operate a parking lot on Lot 6, Parcel #4977, adjacent to the Candlestick Park and to charge \$3.00 per parked car.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that recently there has been a parking lot issue at Candlestick Park where allegations have been made that some of the parking taxes have not been paid to the City. This Department has a very small piece of property that has been used for parking at Candlestick Park outside of the paved lot. (The paved parking lot is operated by the Giants during baseball season and the 49ers during football season.) This small piece of property has been used for paid parking by City Park under a permit with the Recreation and Park Department for the last 3 years. It is a site that handles somewhere between 24 and 40 cars depending on whether the site is used as a transit route into a larger parking lot or whether it is just used to park cars. Staff has decided that this lot should be bid rather than issued on an administrative permit. However, the bidding process will take until July and since the baseball season began in April, staff recommended that a 3 month permit be issued to City Park, the current operator. City Park leases the areas surrounding this small piece of property and has a permit from the Fire Department to operate the parking lots.



**19. CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**PARKING LOT #6 -PARCEL #4977**  
**PERMIT WITH CITY PARK (Continued)**

The Department will be paid \$3.00 per parked vehicle under the terms of the permit. Last year, the Department received over \$10,000 in revenue from this piece of land for both baseball and football seasons. By July, a formal bid will be presented to the Commission.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16915**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a month-to-month permit with City Park to operate a parking lot on Lot 6, Parcel #4977, adjacent to the Candlestick Park and to pay \$3.00 per parked car as a permit fee.

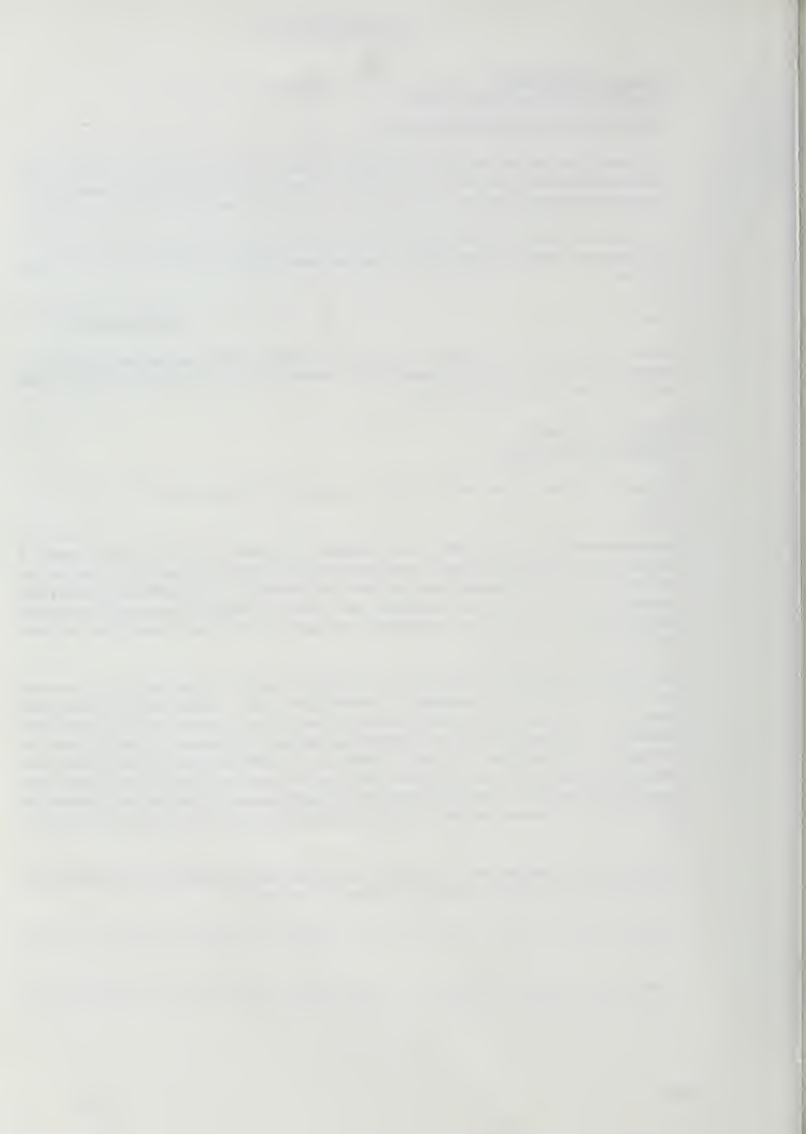
**20. FOOD NOT BOMBS**  
**PERMIT APPLICATION**

Discussion of the request from Food Not Bombs for multiple day event at Civic Center Plaza.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that staff has received a request from the Food Not Bombs organization for a multiple day permit to serve food in connection with a recreational event in Civic Center Plaza. This request was received a number of weeks ago. Staff responded and asked for additional information from the organization. By the time the information was given by Food Not Bombs the originally requested dates had lapsed

Mr. Robinson distributed a report from the last permit issued to Food Not Bombs on April 30, 1994 for use of the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park. Staff had many concerns because, in the past, when Food Not Bombs was issued a permit there were serious violations. Civic Center Plaza is a heavily used area and there is a need for passive recreation and open space. Issuing a permit for a continuous event of any kind to any organization, particularly one that has a history of problems in abiding by the terms of the permit concerns staff. If the Commission conceptually issued a permit to this organization Mr. Robinson recommended that a number of conditions be placed on that approval such as:

- ♦A trial period be established so that staff can monitor this organization to determine if they are willing to live within the conditions contained in the permit.
- ♦The organization pay all fees, bonds, and provide all insurance associated with the permit.
- ♦The permit conditions imposed be the same as with any recreational event that would be located at Civic Center Plaza such as:





## 20. FOOD NOT BOMBS

### PERMIT APPLICATION (Continued)

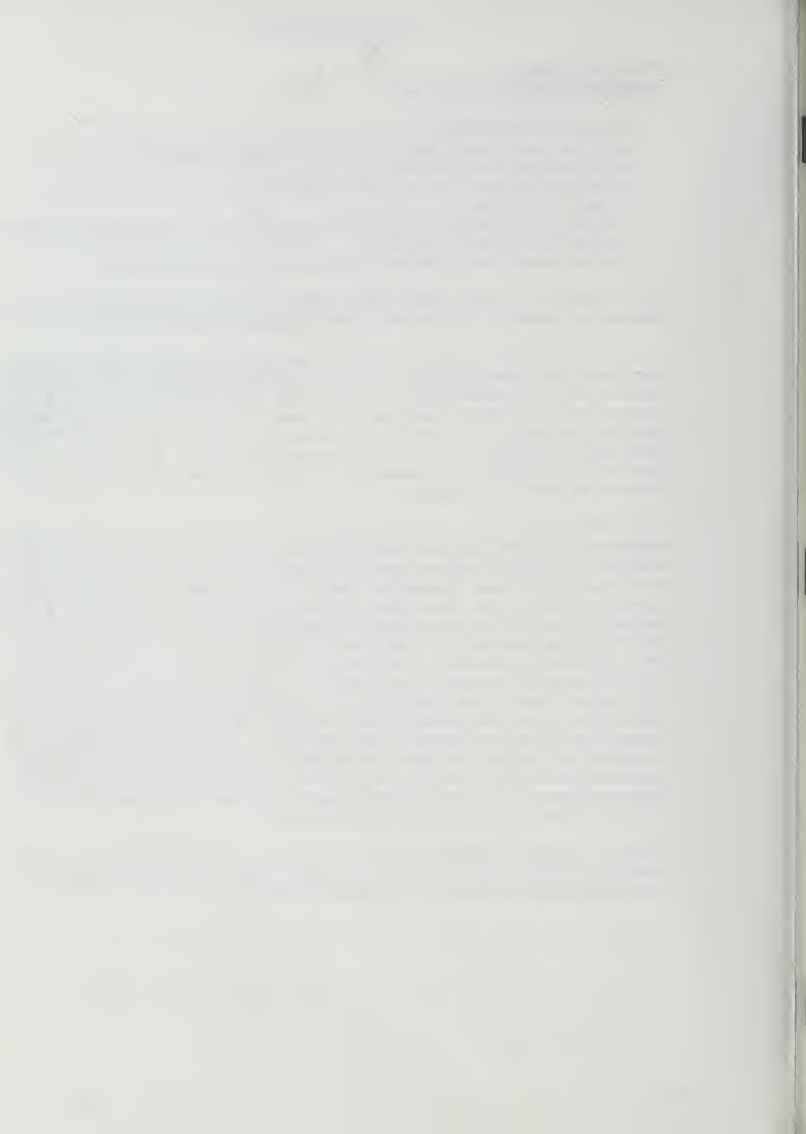
- providing portable restrooms
- no tenting or anchoring of material on Recreation and Park property
- a transportation plan be provided
- all avenues of access across the Plaza not be impeded to restrict flow to the Main Library or to City Hall
- There shall be a designated spot for the recreational events as described in the permit request (such as food service area)
- staff be allowed a time to monitor compliance with the rules and regulations

Staff will then report to the Commission its findings so that a recommendation could be made to the Commission as to whether permits should be continued to be issued.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Robinson said the trial period should be no more than 3 days in a one week period so that staff could be on-site, similar to the process staff just experienced with the large event held in the Polo Field, where staff witnessed the set-up and the break-down of the event. After that three day period a report would be prepared for the Commission in order for it to make a determination. The trial period would evaluate whether Civic Center is an appropriate site. Mr. Robinson said the Food Not Bombs request for a recreational activity is described as dancing and street theatre to be provided on the plaza.

**Tom Osher**, explained that he did not represent Food Not Bombs, but was someone who has been involved with Food Not Bombs for 6 years. He was open to discussing dates for a permit and commented that the Commission is aware that Food Not Bombs serves food twice a day at Civic Center Plaza without a permit. Food Not Bombs is trying to find a way to not be arrested. The Commission had previously issued a permit which it later suspended. He said that during a Food Not Bombs trial Mr. Robinson testified if they had a permit from Recreation and Park, along with a food permit, it was a possible to use the park. Therefore, they submitted a permit request. He said that they will serve food at Civic Center Plaza every day because they are there to make a political point about human rights and are present to feed because of the emergency situation of people on the street without food. He said that people come for vegetarian food even though there are other places to go and that the police often take away the food. They have a constitutional right to assemble and express their views. He felt that the permit process restricted that right. He said the health permits required in the past were inappropriate for their food distribution activity and that the City should provide park space. They want to give away food in front of City Hall because they want to make a political statement.

President Immendorf suggested that Food Not Bombs apply for a permit at a specific location for a specific date and describe the activity. If they complied with the policy of the Recreation and Park Department, a permit would be issued.



## 20. FOOD NOT BOMBS

### PERMIT APPLICATION (Continued)

**Timothy Schober**, a homeless person, said that the police have informed him that he could go to Glide Memorial Church to eat but he finds that Glide seasons its food with pepper which gives him heartburn. He preferred to use the services of Food Not Bombs because their food is not spicy and he can sleep better.

**John Kimber**, has lived in San Francisco for 2-1/2 years and worked a number of years in Brooklyn volunteering at homeless shelters. He said many homeless people have made great contributions to society including Vietnam veterans. Parks should benefit all people, including the homeless. He further explained that Mayor Jordan wrote an article in a neighborhood newspaper stating that Food Not Bombs needed to obtain a permit. He said the City needed to make available a permit for Food Not Bombs with reasonable conditions so they can serve food.

**Nikki Ion**, stated that Recreation and Park should issue a permit to Food Not Bombs because they are arrested regularly. A permit would help them get food to hungry people regularly without harassment from the police and would prevent people from spending time in jail. She felt there was no reason a permit should not be issued as they are practicing their First Amendment rights and parks are for everybody.

**Richard Chandler**, viewed the application of a permit as a stop-gap effort to curtail, for a short time period, the harassment, arrest and brutalization of Food not Bombs' food servers. He said that Mr. Robinson outlined numerous requirements and that they have a civil right to feed hungry people, and to protest poverty in a public place. He thought the Recreation and Park Commission was abusing its power because the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution by a vote of 7 to 2 urging that Food Not Bombs be allowed to serve the hungry on park property. He said that the police presence with their vehicles take up a lot more space at Civic Center Plaza than the homeless and the servers from Food Not Bombs. He felt it was time to end the harassment and reverse its policy and that there were better ways to spend City money than to harass Food Not Bombs.

President Immendorf reminded those present that the Commission's role is to enforce the Park Code and to not get involved in the political issue. He said the policy is very clear that parks are not a proper venue to serve food and if there is a legitimate recreational purpose a permit would be issued. He suggested that Food Not Bombs make an application to Mr. Robinson and that if Food Not Bombs complied with the same rules and regulations as every other group a permit would be issued.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the Commission tabled this item until such time as Food Not Bombs submitted a request for a permit.

## 21. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Approval of proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Curtis Cox in the amount of \$7,500.

*Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.*



## **22. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Peter Podchernikoff**, supported the activities of Food Not Bombs to serve free food to needy people in a public space. He believed that they are exercising their First Amendment right of free speech and to assemble. He said it was improper for the City to end the permit process was improper and felt that Food Not Bombs was doing a good deed to people who have a great need. He wanted Recreation and Park to consider the permit process again so that they could serve free food in parks or a public square. He noted that in recent Food Not Bombs literature it stated that during the Mayor's campaign, he served free food in Golden Gate Park. He urged the Commission to reconsider issuing a permit to Food Not Bombs.

**Tim Schober**, a homeless person, asked if any of the Commission members would feed him twice a day at their homes since it would not give Food Not Bombs a permit.

**Emeric Kalman**, a berthholder at the Marina, asked if it was the responsibility of management to make sure that unauthorized public monies are identified and disclosed rather than deception. He has been asking the Marina Harbor management how many berths are empty and they told him 5. He said there are 25 to 30 berths that are vacant and wanted to know how much revenue was lost through these vacant berths. He received a response to his letter from President Immendorf regarding this request but said it was public knowledge that there are empty berths at the Marina and that management is not marketing or trying to fill the berths. This loss of income resulted in a 30% increase to the berthholders. He further explained that the Marina hired people to make repairs on wood that is rotted. He said that the problem at the Marina is decay and corrosion, not the need for breakwaters.

Commissioner Rovetti said at the last meeting of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, Mr. Kalman accused the commissioners of being a "rubber stamp" commission. He said that all of the commissioners are volunteers and do their homework. He has never been asked to vote a certain way by staff nor a fellow commissioner. He said Mr. Kalman's has made accusations that his letters have been unanswered but there is a record of the Department and Commission responding to his inquiries.

**Patricia Vaughney**, said that many people who attend meetings also volunteer their time but that many people are disturbed about information that is being put forth that is simply incorrect. She said that she was informed that only one study was done on the Marina Yacht Harbor yet two studies were done. This misinformation disturbs people. She questioned whether the Marina Manager was competent. She said the Marina Master Plan was "on hold" for years and in 60 days it is being rushed through the approval process. She suggested a mediator be hired to resolve the problem of communication between the Department and the neighborhood.

**Joan Girardot**, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Association, said that at the 5/2/94 meeting of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee a recommendation was made that staff proceed with the design project with the Department of Public Works for breakwaters at West Harbor and Gas House Cove.



## **22. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

### **Statement of Joan Girardot (Continued)**

Ms. Girardot explained that she has a copy of the guidelines for preparing an application for a small craft harbor development loan issued by the Department of Boating and Water Ways for the State of California. She felt that the process followed by Recreation and Park in 1989 was done improperly as the preliminary engineering analysis was done prior obtaining the loan. She read from the guideline which stated *...The plans and specifications for construction should be prepared after the loan is approved and after construction permits have been obtained...* She said there is a deliberate attempt to subvert the public planning process and that 4 neighborhood associations are against the building of additional breakwater in the outer west harbor. and of robbing them of public open space.

**Cyril Hackett**, discussed the enormous cost of staging an event at Kezar Stadium. He outlined the excessive costs connected with using this facility and said he may have to use a different facility for future events. He explained that his event draws 300-400 people and costs a flat fee of \$900 to rent the stadium, not including security costs, ticket takers and other associated costs. It costs almost \$3,000 to use the Stadium and does not include advertising or insurance costs for the event. He asked the Commission to reconsider the fees charged for the use of Kezar Stadium and to consider reducing some of the costs.

**Emile LaCampagne**, said that he found President Immendorf to be gracious and kind in his plight with the participant fee for Le Tour de San Francisco. However, he felt Commissioner Rovetti and Mazzola's demeanor to be harsh. He informed the Parks and Planning Committee that without a resolution to the participant fee issue he was forced to postpone his event. He has had a 15 year relationship with Recreation and Park and in 15 seconds it was dissolved. He wanted to discuss the participant fee structure to see if a resolution could be reached.

President Immendorf explained that the Commission is constantly faced with difficult issues such as laying off employees, and is forced to generate revenues in order to provide necessary services. He hoped that Mr. LaCampagne could meet with Mr. Robinson and discuss this issue.

**Tom Osher**, said Food Not Bombs has a terrible relationship with Recreation and Park and he did not understand why. He said they are being harassed by the City because of the Commission's permit process ruling. The Commission has decided that the park should not be used for First Amendment rights or giving free food but allows picnics in the park. Serving food to the homeless is a picnic for poor people. Food Not Bombs is also exercising its First Amendment rights and served food in Boston for 10 years without getting arrested. He asked the Commission to reconsider its policy and said that a 3 day permit was useless because they feed the homeless every day.





## **22. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

**Janette Barroca**, a resident of the Marina District and a director of the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owner Association, explained that she heard comments from President Immendorf that the Department needed revenue. She said there are 30 vacant berths at the Marina Yacht Harbor and if they were rented it would bring additional revenue to the Department and the City. However, nobody supervises the management at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

## **23. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.*

## **24. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of April 6, 1994
- Recreation Program Committee Meeting of April 27, 1994
- Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee meeting of May 2, 1994.
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of May 3, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting of May 5, 1994

## **25. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Tony Stefani, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Marian Mitchell Sevenau, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away.

There being no further business, the 693rd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.



Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

## RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

## M I N U T E S

## 694TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Fourth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 16, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of April 28, 1994, between the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission were approved as presented and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 1994, were approved as presented, pending resolution of the remarks made by Joan Girardot, under Public Comment.

**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

*"IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER* One of the gifts we are accepting today is a new sound system for the auditorium at the San Francisco County Fair Building. It has been given to us by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Ikebana International, which is no stranger to the Recreation and Park Department. Among the many gifts Ikebana's Beautification Program has provided are 1000 cherry trees for Golden Gate Park and the construction of the Moon Viewing Garden, East meets West Garden, Takamine Garden and Garden of Fragrance at Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. This new sound system, which includes speakers, a tape deck and cordless microphones, will allow for more versatility and improved sound quality.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

We are honoring our friends of Ikebana today with a special certificate of appreciation. Here to accept the award are Pearl Kimura, Beautification Program chair; Phyllis Cima, immediate Past President; Irma Houser, President; and Norm Cima, who made the project work.

*CYNTHIA CRAWFORD* We have been notified by the City Purchaser that our Senior Purchaser, Cynthia Crawford, is being transferred to the Clean Water Program in July. Cynthia has been assigned to the Recreation and Park Department for the past two years. She quickly learned the intricacies of our department and became a valuable member of the administrative team. She was always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that the department's purchases and contracts found their way through the City bureaucracy. We will miss her and wish her well in her new assignment.

*BUDGET UPDATE* We have received preliminary budget recommendations from the Board of Supervisors' Budget Analyst. The Budget Analyst has targeted the maintenance enhancements at Mission Playground, Civic Center and Union Square for elimination. The effect of this recommendation, if it is accepted by the Board of Supervisors, would be a reduction in Park Division salaries by approximately \$451,000. In addition, the Budget Analyst has pointed out that \$200,000 is slated for expansion of the aquatics program. While not specifically recommending against this item, Mr. Rose points out that this is an expansion of our existing program and is a "policy matter for the Board to decide" whether to recommend the increase. Also targeted for reduction are various equipment items and \$50,000 from the materials and supplies budget. Discussions are continuing. The first hearing by the Budget Committee for our budget is scheduled on June 22.

*CHARTER REFORM* On Monday, a Charter Amendment was introduced to substantially revise the City's Charter. Introduced by Supervisor Kaufman and co-sponsored by seven Supervisors, it is designed to give clear lines of authority and reduce much of the detailed language in the current document. It significantly changes the language regarding the Recreation and Park Commission and Department, deleting term appointments for the Commission and most of the language describing the functions and authority of the Commission and Department. It does preserve the Open Space and Children's Funds and the language limiting new buildings in Golden Gate Park and mandating recreation programs of the highest quality. It changes the language regarding use of recreation and park land for non-recreation purposes and, for the first time, designates a tax set aside for "constructing, maintaining and improving" parks and playgrounds. The first hearing before the Board of Supervisors is Tuesday, June 21, at 9:00 a.m. At your places is a copy of the latest draft of the Charter Amendment.

*MARINA MASTER PLAN* On May 23, the Board of Supervisors voted 8-0 to adopt a resolution urging the Mayor to oppose the construction of any additional breakwater in the outer west harbor and to begin dredging of the Marina Harbor immediately. Concerns cited in the resolution are: "The breakwaters may extend out to the open waters, which would effectively destroy the scenic beauty enjoyed by recreationalists." "The Fireboats that were instrumental in quick responses to natural disasters such as the fire in the Marina District after the Loma Prieta Earthquake currently do not have enough clearance to enter the harbor." The Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee has recommended that a letter be sent to the Mayor and the Board on this matter.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*O'SHAUGHNESSY HOLLOW* The Board of Supervisors has recommended that an open space acquisition in Glen Canyon be conducted through eminent domain. This acquisition, known as O'Shaughnessy Hollow, was previously approved by this Commission, but the Real Estate Department has not been able to reach an agreement with the owners on the value of the property. An assessment of this property by departmental staff has identified numerous significant native plant and animal communities on the site.

*PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB* The Department has learned that a new president has been elected by the Pacific Rod and Gun Club and that the attorney representing the Club before the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the order to cease using lead shot has been replaced. The Department is sending a letter to the Pacific Rod and Gun Club requesting that we receive an update as to who the responsible individuals are relative to responding to the requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board Order and Compliance Schedule and what their progress has been in meeting the Board Compliance Schedule. I will keep you informed as to what actions the Pacific Rod and Gun Club is taking to comply with the Regional Water Quality Control Board Order.

*ZOO NIGHT TOUR 1994* The 33rd annual Night Tour takes place on July 15, 22 and 29. This is an opportunity for members only to experience an exciting, self-guided, behind-the-scenes safari throughout the Zoo. The evening includes a delicious southwestern BBQ dinner and terrific entertainment. Members can feed a giraffe, black rhino or elephant and tour the animal hospital, Insect Zoo, Animal Resource Center and Avian Conservation Center. Night Tour is an exclusive opportunity for members to view the many marvelous improvements at the Zoo, including the newly renovated Otter River Exhibit. If you are interested in attending, please call Zoo Director, David Anderson, for details.

*PARK POLICE STATION* The Police Department has entered into an agreement with the Recreation and Park Department to temporarily relocate Park Police Station in trailers in a portion of the Kezar parking lot while their building is being renovated. The trailers, which were installed last week behind the old Park Emergency Aid Station, will be there for approximately two years. In addition, Park Station will be utilizing a portion of the Aid Station itself for an exercise room for the police officers.

*JEFFERSON SQUARE* The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution finding that the preferred site for the new 911 Center for purposes of further study and environmental review is in Jefferson Square on the south side of Turk Street as close as is practical to the existing center. Funding for the project was approved by the voters on June 7. Still to be worked out is what mitigation will be provided to replace the basketball and tennis courts.

*LAKE MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS - VARIOUS PARKS* The quantity of algae in the Palace of Fine Arts lagoon has been particularly high this spring. As I reported in April, the impact on the Palace of Fine Arts lagoon is quite severe and has still not been entirely resolved. A second application of chemicals has been recommended by the specialist at the University of California at Davis. In addition, we have similar problems in the various lakes in Golden Gate Park. Weed and algae control programs are underway and should be completed in three weeks.





### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

**BLUE HERONS** A pair of blue herons has taken up residence on an island in Stow Lake for the second straight year. This year they have produced three offspring. The birds can be seen from the shore to the west of the Boathouse.

**BEACH CHALET** Two bids have been received for the Beach Chalet concession. One of the two bids has been disqualified as non-responsive. However, the other bid, for a restaurant and micro-brewery, does meet the advertised criteria. Staff is now conducting background checks on the partners of this proposal.

**MIDNIGHT SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM** The Hunter's Point Gym will be participating in the Midnight Shakespeare Program this summer. The program will be held on Wednesdays and Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., beginning June 22 and will run for six weeks. There will be a public performance on July 27, and selected individuals will perform at the Alice Arts Center in Oakland on July 29. Viacom Cable 44 will be filming at the gym on July 13 at 5:30 p.m.

**SF TEEN** At your places you will find the June 1994 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

**SUMMER GUIDE 1994** At your places you will find the Recreation and Park Department's Summer Guide. In addition to being an insert in the June 7 edition of the San Francisco Independent, the guide has been distributed to all recreation centers and branch libraries. It contains information on summer programs and special events, and there is a pull-out directory that lists all Recreation and Park Department facilities, including address, telephone number and the programs and activities available at the sites. We are planning to publish a similar guide later this year with information on fall and winter programs and events. Thanks go to Elaine Molinari, Linda Ma and Esther Kwan for this attractive publication.

**SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS** The following claims, under \$5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months of March and April 1994:

March		April	
Reyes, Esperanza	\$1,066.00	Andrini, Robert	\$ 193.43
Pangan, Brian	1,818.12	Krzich, Sam	3,100.00
Jordin, Michael	172.00	Collins, Michael	5,000.00
Dress, Lois	85.00	Troyer, David	666.00
Cronin, Kevin	330.91		
Still, Gardner	1,064.33		

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 22, 1994	Board of Supervisors Budget Committee hearing on departmental budgets; 1:30 p.m.; City Hall
Saturday, June 25, 1994	Board of Supervisors Budget Committee public testimony on departmental budgets; 1:00 p.m.; City Hall
Sunday, July 3, 1994	All Nations Day Festival; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Music Concourse, Golden Gate Park



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### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)*

Monday, July 4, 1994	Independence Day Holiday
Tuesday, July 5, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, July 6, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, July 7, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Friday, July 8, 1994	Recreation and Park Employee Night at Candlestick Park; 5:30 p.m. Tailgate Party; 7:05 p.m. Game
Wednesday, July 13, 1994	Special Commission meeting (Golden Gate Park Master Plan); 7:00 p.m.; County Fair Building
Friday, July 15, 1994	Night Tour 1994; 5:30-9:00 p.m.;
Friday, July 22, 1994	San Francisco Zoo
Friday, July 29, 1994"	



In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, President Immendorf explained that he was vehemently opposed to the proposed revisions to the Charter which have been made public this week, because the Recreation and Park Commission would become a political tool. He felt the Commission deserved its independence and would oppose any attempt to make the Commission a pleasure appointment. He has spoken to those who have been involved in the drafting of the revisions to the Charter, T. J. Anthony and Jim Lazarus, and expressed this concern. He believed that changing the Commission to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor would be detrimental to the Recreation and Park Department and to the City.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that the Charter reform redefines the role of commissions in the City and that the majority of them would go through a confirmation process with the Board of Supervisors and serve at the Mayor's pleasure. Much of the language that is in the present Charter has been removed and shifted into an appendix that is subject to change by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors. This change will dramatically alter how the City functions and will give much more authority and power to the Board of Supervisors in the day-to-day workings of departments.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he raised this issue so that the members of the public would understand the seriousness of this Charter reform issue.

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.



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4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolutions were adopted:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS RES. NO. 16916

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period May 5, 1994 through June 2, 1994.

b. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 16917  
HUNTER POINT GYM TEEN GROUP  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the overnight camping and river rafting trip by the Hunters Point Gym Teen Group to the American River, Sacramento, California from June 10-12, 1994.

c. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 16918  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the adult outreach recreation program overnight trip to Lake Tahoe from June 5-6, 1994.

d. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 16919  
WEST SUNSET PLAYGROUND  
ADMISSION FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the admission fee for Pony Baseball of America Tournament at West Sunset Playground on July 12-16, 1994.

e. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 16920  
RECREATION DIVISION  
COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the collaborative agreement between the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and the West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center.

f. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 16921

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$102,059.43, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Ikebana International, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, a new sound system for the Auditorium at the San Francisco County Fair Building, valued at \$17,059.43

2. From Strybing Arboretum Society, a gift in place of a primitive garden, valued at \$85,000, at the Strybing Arboretum and the Botanical Gardens.



#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

##### g. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES. NO. 16922

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

**DONATED FROM:**

Tom Curtis  
1530 Grant Road, #11  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
Dead Leaf Mantids, a colony

**DONATED TO:**

Philadelphia Zoological Gardens  
3400 West Girard Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19014-1196, USDA #23-C-004  
Two (2) Owl faced Monkeys

**DONATED TO:**

John Hays  
Talisman Farm, Box 108  
Comptche, CA 95427  
Dexter Steer, Sex Unknown

**DONATED TO:**

Coyote Point Museum  
1651 Coyote Point Drive  
San Mateo, CA 94401  
One (1) Female Common King Snake

##### h. GOLF DIVISION GREEN FEE SURCHARGE

RES. NO. 16923

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the continuation of the surcharge on current golf fees in Fiscal Year 1994-95.

##### i. STERN GROVE FESTIVAL RENEWAL OF FOOD VENDING PERMIT

RES. NO. 16924

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission renews the food vending permit with Stern Grove Festival.

##### j. GOLDEN GATE PARK SPECIAL EVENT PARKING

RES. NO. 16925

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the closure of the West end of Golden Gate Park for special event parking at a fee of \$4.00 per vehicle, during special events that are scheduled for the Polo Field during the summer and fall of 1994.

##### k. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

RES. NO. 16926

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Curtis Cox in the amount of \$7,500.





#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

##### I. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND SQUARES PRIVATE TENNIS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

RES. NO. 16927

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the extension of the neighborhood parks private tennis instruction program.

- ♦Alice Marble (Greenwich/Hyde)
- ♦Balboa Park
- ♦Julius Kahn
- ♦McLaren Park
- ♦Mission Dolores Park
- ♦Moscone Recreation Center
- ♦Angelo J. Rossi Playground
- ♦Alta Plaza
- ♦Crocker Amazon Playground
- ♦Dupont Tennis Courts (30th Avenue)
- ♦Midtown Terrace
- ♦Moffet Tennis Courts (26th Ave/Vicente)
- ♦Mountain Lake Park

##### m. GOLDEN GATE PARK CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS RENTAL FEES

RES. NO. 16928

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request for new rental fees for the Conservatory of Flowers, effective July 1, 1994, as follows:

<u>Description of Use</u>	<u>Fee</u>
♦Non refundable deposit: to hold date and to be applied to rental fee	\$300 flat rate
♦Refundable security deposit: covers overtime use, damage (if any) or additional clean up.	\$425 flat rate
♦Janitorial services to clean facility before event.	\$ 75 flat rate
♦Event Rental: 5:00 p.m. through Midnight (3 hour minimum - Monday/Thursday); (5 hour minimum - Friday, Saturday and Sunday)	\$250 per hour includes security & 1 hour set up.
<b>Additional Services</b>	
♦Kitchen set up. Additional to the one hour already included	\$100 per hour
♦Overtime for clean-up: past scheduled event	\$150 per hour
♦Overtime rental: past midnight	\$375 per hour
♦Additional staff monitor for large events over 160 persons	\$ 60 flat rate

#### GENERAL CALENDAR

##### 5. GOLDEN GATE PARK DE LAVEAGA DELL AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of AIDS Memorial Grove site improvements at De Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that the Commission previously granted conceptual approval of the plan for De Laveaga Dell, an area designated as the AIDS Memorial Grove, and this request is for approval of three specific site improvements at the Dell. Ms. Learner displayed a drawing of De Laveaga Dell, explaining that it is a very natural setting and the concept is to restore it to provide areas of contemplation and reflection for people who have died of AIDS. She then described the specific site improvements:



## 5. GOLDEN GATE PARK

### DE LAVEAGA DELL

#### AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE IMPROVEMENTS (Continued)

♦*South Portal* is a secondary entrance to the Dell. The improvements include a stone wall, with edging on each side of the walkway, keeping with the naturalistic and rustic theme of the area.

♦*Pine Crescent* - is a seating area as one enters the Dell from the corner of Bowling Green and Middle Drive. This is to be a small, intimate seating area with stones. Potentially, there may be a path that is accessible by people with disabilities.

♦*Circle of Friends* - Is located on a slight elevation that looks through the redwood trees into the entire meadow. The proposal is to have a spiral of names etched in the pavement to acknowledge people who have donated funds toward improvement of the AIDS Memorial Grove. The names would be etched into the pavement and there will be a spiral, paving pattern, that over time, will be filled in with soil and become part of the landscape. This design will be very subtle and yet acknowledge people who have made donations to the Grove.

The AIDS Memorial Grove project is working on a draft agreement to provide a maintenance endowment for the Dell. This agreement will be considered by the Commission in the near future and will include an endowment for an individual to maintain the area in perpetuity. It is understood that before the architectural elements are initiated and installed, the maintenance agreement will be approved by the Commission.

**Kerry Enright**, Executive Director, AIDS Memorial Grove, displayed the capital campaign material that is being distributed to fund all of the site improvements. The AIDS Memorial Grove is actively raising the funds necessary to maintain the site in perpetuity and just received \$125,000 from the Goldman Fund for the Grove. The draft maintenance agreement is now being prepared and it is her hope that ground will be broken by the end of summer.

**Jean-Pierre Weingarten**, a volunteer at the AIDS Memorial Grove, spoke in support for the project and urged the Commission to approve this item.

**Donna Matthews**, a volunteer at the AIDS Memorial Grove, asked the Commission to approve this request.

**Bill Clark**, explained they are planning a capital campaign that will endow the maintenance of this Grove in perpetuity. He said people who are impassioned to the cause can donate funds and those dollars will be turned back to this public land.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's questions, Ms. Enright explained that over 300 people have signed up to work on this weekend's volunteer clean up.

**Dave Fox**, a person with AIDS, a former board member of AIDS Memorial Grove, explained that this project is very important to him and that he wanted his relations to have a wonderful place in the City. He said the City needs more volunteers, who are skilled and who have the ability to help run this complicated enterprise called the City and County of San Francisco. He urged that the Commission approve this item.



**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
DE LAVEAGA DELL  
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE IMPROVEMENTS (Continued)**

**Todd Cole**, a board member of the AIDS Memorial Grove, worked very hard to make the details in the Grove refined, natural and consistent with its setting. He hoped that all of the proposed improvements would be an asset to the park.

**Alice Russell-Shapiro**, chair of the AIDS Memorial Grove, has been working on the project for 5 years, and thanked Mary Burns, Deborah Learner, Jim Cooney and other staff members from Recreation and Park, who have been helpful. She felt there is a partnership with the Department which has been very supportive of this project.

**Greg Gaar**, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and member of the California Native Plant Society, said he worked on habitat restoration in the City's parks and was extremely impressed that the Grove had over 300 volunteers. He explained that an indigenous oak wood has been in the western end of the De Laveaga Dell for hundreds of years. He displayed a photograph of the area dating back to 1891 that showed the oak trees. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan calls for the preservation of indigenous oak reserves in the park and he wanted the volunteers to expand their work parties by gathering acorns from these trees. These acorns could then be taken to the Golden Gate Park Nursery where they would be germinated to be planted back into the park.

**Michael Boland**, a volunteer worker on this project for 4 years, said it has been very interesting to receive feedback from the community in its design. This project is a product of thousands of people working, planning and developing the design. He further explained that *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, will feature the AIDS Memorial Grove in its August issue, bringing national visibility to this project.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16929**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the following AIDS Memorial Grove site improvements at De Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park:

South Portal

Pine Crescent

Circle of Friends

*Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.*

**6. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
MUSIC CONCOURSE  
ROAD CLOSURE**

Approval of road closure of the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 3, 1994, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and closure of the Music Concourse public parking area for the entire day for the Midwinter Fair Centennial Parade and All Nations Festival.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that this item is a request to close Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive and Academy Way on July 3, 1994 for the Midwinter Fair Parade and Festival. This event, sponsored by Friends of Recreation and Park,



## **6. GOLDEN GATE PARK MUSIC CONCOURSE ROAD CLOSURE (Continued)**

includes a parade and other activities requiring the road closure. Originally, the request was to close the road the entire day but it has been agreed to open the road by 11:00 a.m. Friends of Recreation and Park plans to station monitors at the intersection of Martin Luther King and Academy Way to inform people after 11:00 a.m. that the parking area will be closed and if they enter the area they will be able to make a loop and exit. The parking lot will be used for activities and/or staging the event. He recommended approval of the item with the conditions outlined in the memorandum he presented to the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Robinson explained that there will be shuttle service from the McLaren Lodge parking lot to the band shell and that Friends of Recreation and Park is working with University of California, San Francisco, to offer shuttle service from their parking lot.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

### **RES. NO. 16930**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the road closure of the Music Concourse (Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive and Academy Way) in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 3, 1994, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and closure of the Music Concourse public parking area for the entire day for the Midwinter Fair Centennial Parade and All Nations Festival.

*Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.*

## **7. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND RENOVATION**

Approval of playground renovation project at Jose Coronado Playground.

**Park Planner, Joanne Wilson**, described the features of the Jose Coronado Playground which is bounded by Shotwell, 21st and Folsom Streets. The heavily used park now has a children's playground in one corner, some seating and landscaping, a soccer/softball area, basketball court and tennis area. The proposed renovation was presented at the playground to park users on several occasions and a community meeting. The plan provides a new building in the southwest corner with restrooms, a multi-purpose room and a small alcove for the recreation director. The room would be used for supervised activities. The children's playground would be relocated from the isolated corner to a much less busy street that is more residential in character. The children's playground would be slightly larger than what now exists. The tennis court would remain the same size, the basketball court would be reduced but would still offer 2 half-courts, and the soccer/softball area would be enlarged. She outlined other minor modifications: the tot lot would be placed adjacent to Shotwell, the home plate for the softball would be moved to the corner; the tennis court could be shifted closer to Shotwell Street; giving space for a third half-court basketball area. Staff was considering reducing the multi-purpose office by 50-60 square feet to give more clearance to the children's playground equipment in accordance with new safety guidelines.





## 7. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND RENOVATION (Continued)

The multi purpose room/restroom building would be approximately 1100 square feet, but is comparable to other clubhouses such as the one at Julius Kahn, which was recently renovated. The plan calls for doors to allow restrooms to access from the inside and outside of the clubhouse. There is \$570,000 available in Open Space Funds for this project and the preliminary cost estimate is \$557,344. The Department plans to apply for a community development block grant through Housing and Urban Development and to have the Conservation Corps install the equipment and the safety surface matting in the children's play area. This grant would save \$65,000 in project costs.

**Patrick Mora**, the architect for the project, explained that proposed designs were presented and shown to the community for 5 days over a 2 week period.

Ms. Wilson said that it would be fair to say that at the last meeting those in attendance were divided between the plan presented at this meeting and another scheme. Staff felt this proposal was the best utilization of the space. Since the park is heavily used, it is hoped that during construction half of the park will remain open while the other half is being renovated.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Ms. Wilson said that the 500 square foot multi purpose room is large enough for the recreation director to tutor and work with children. The recreation director's office area is 100 square feet; the restrooms are 500 square feet.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Wilson explained that some of the work would be done by the Conservation Corps and that any remaining funds from the project would be returned to the Open Space Program fund. Commissioner Mazzola also expressed his opinion that the drinking fountain was quite expensive.

**Brian Gatter**, from the Department of Public Works, explained that the water fountain fixture is considered to be the most durable model on the market today and is accessible for the disabled community.

**Dave Thomason**, was concerned about access to the restrooms, and said that since the park is heavily used, people, other than park users, may enter the restrooms from the outside because they would be open from outside of the park.

**Edward Bingham, Jr.**, lives on Shotwell Street, and for many years has been working to improve the playground. He felt that the plan eliminates a lot of open space in the playground and that many of the elements of the playground were being squeezed. He said that placing the recreation director's building on the southwest corner would have a negative impact on the neighbors. He was opposed to fencing the tennis court and basketball court area as it is now flexible, open space. He said it was important to visit the playground at different times of the day to get a consensus of what the renovation should include. He noted that there was a division on two of the renovation plans when it was presented at the community meeting. He said that all residences within 300 feet of the playground should be notified of the proposed plan.



## 7. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND RENOVATION (Continued)

**John Henry**, echoed the sentiments of previous speaker, and said the soccer players drink beer and play, and the street people drink and urinate/defecate in the park and often sleep under the existing play equipment. He said that placing the building on the corner will limit visibility into the park and that the neighbors watch the park. It was his opinion that if this plan was to be approved he would rather shelve the plan and not change the present layout of the playground.

**Merylee Smith Bingham**, a neighbor of Jose Coronado Playground, has been working to improve this playground and recounted that her first letter was sent in 1985 to the Department. She did not favor moving the playground because the "dead" corner would remain part of the plan and the recreation director would not have visibility of this area of the park. She did not favor moving the playground and said that she lives across the street and was not aware that the proposed plans were being displayed at the playground. She questioned the effectiveness of the community meetings and felt that all of the users should be in attendance at these meeting. At earlier public meetings the Police Department did not want the building on the outside perimeters of the playground because of the drug and gang activity.

**Anita Margrill**, a neighbor who lives directly across the street from the park, said it was important that the neighboring houses have visual access to the day-to-day activities at the playground. Placing the building in the corner will obscure visibility. She said the relationship between the community and the Department has deteriorated and they have not had any idea of what the design would look like. She asked that there be better communication system regarding the design process between the Department and the community.

**Andrew J. Solow**, said this project is 10 years old and referenced a letter he sent to the Commission regarding this matter with 35 signatures from property owners adjacent to the playground who were unaware of the proposed plan. At the last community meeting, they were informed that they would be presented a comparative cost analysis between this plan and a plan he developed. He said that the Parks and Planning Committee never recommended approval of a specific plan and requested that this item be referred back to the community for another meeting to discuss the proposed plans. He commented that there are some aspects of the plan that are good and others that are bad.

Commissioner Ruiz made a motion that this matter be tabled and that it be taken back to the community for further review. He felt that there was a need to consider the opinions of those who use the playground and the residents with the understanding that there are funding constraints. Commissioner Mazzola seconded this motion.

Commissioner Chan said the Parks and Planning Committee did not make a recommendation because they felt that the community was not happy with the design. He said the parties seem to be drifting apart rather than reaching a compromise or consensus.

Ms. Wilson detailed the community outreach process and explained that her mailing list includes over 125 names of all those who have ever written or signed petitions on this proposal. She contacted the child care referral service in the area as well as the child care providers.



**7. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND  
RENOVATION (Continued)**

The notice sent was bilingual, was distributed at the playground at the same time community outreach was done and copies of the flyers were made available at the Mission Recreation Center for distribution. There has been up to 6 hours of community outreach where the architect was at the playground discussing the proposals with the users. Over the course of community meetings many options have been considered. She then outlined the various proposals which included reducing the tennis courts, shifting the building and children's play area to different locations, reducing the basketball court size, and a proposal that had seating to watch soccer. In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Wilson explained that the mailing list includes a great number of property owners. He wanted a broader mailing list developed.

Commissioner Ruiz said that the design that is being proposed has not been shared with the community. A number of designs have been presented but the people have not had an opportunity to view it. He wanted more community participation in the planning process.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that he personally attended 3 of the community meetings and the testimony has been split. He said there are those who prefer the building to be located in the southwest corner; as presented today and others who want the building placed in the northeast corner. He did not think holding another community meeting would resolve the split.

President Immendorf said that he wanted staff to hold one more final meeting on this issue. He felt that staff has worked very hard and has been abused by some members of the community. Commissioner Ruiz amended his motion to reflect President Immendorf's statement; Commissioner Mazzola seconded this amended motion.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's questions, Ms. Wilson explained that the Arts Commission has jurisdiction on civic design and it was felt that a lot of time should not be spent on the outside appearance of the building because it might be changed.

Commissioner Ruiz said the community may not get everything it wants because there are certain requirements that must be considered by the Department to ensure a safe playground. A design must be developed that will work for the Department and community.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the Commission directed staff to hold one more (final) community meeting to discuss the relative merits of designs "C" and "E" (with the adjustments noted by staff at the Commission meeting).

*The Commission approved this motion by the following vote:*

*Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz*

*Noes: Commissioner Sommer*



## **8. GOLF COURSE MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM**

Approval of policy for memorial benches on Recreation and Park Department golf courses.

**Assistant Superintendent for Urban Forestry, Jim Cooney**, explained that there is a great need for benches on the golf course tees, particularly on the par threes and this proposal will present an opportunity to obtain needed benches at no cost to the City. The benches are made of a very durable product, are a simple design, and will be gray in color. The policy is similar to the Department's Memorial Bench Policy in that there is a 5 year maintenance component connected with the purchase price of \$1,000. This item was reviewed at the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee and he recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Commissioner Rovetti said the plaque would be placed in the center of the bench.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

### **RES. NO. 16931**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the policy for memorial benches on Recreation and Park Department golf courses, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this policy will be reviewed by the Commission in one year.

*Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.*

## **9. SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE AND RESTAURANT ADDITION**

Approval of addition to Sharp Park Clubhouse restaurant at Sharp Park Golf Course.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, displayed a diagram of the clubhouse at Sharp Park and explained that one of the requirements of the current tenant's lease is that a building addition be constructed. Approvals have already been received from various agencies such as the Pacifica Historical Society which recommended that the tile roofing from the existing building be matched to the new addition, to the City Arts Commission which recommended some modifications to the window treatment. Ms. Learner explained that the building looks onto the golf course and there will be a handicapped accessible ramp to the addition. An exemption was received from the Office of Environmental Review. Upon approval from the Commission, acceptance by the Coastal Commission will be requested. The new addition will bring revenue to the City and will abut the existing building and service area.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

### **RES. NO. 16932**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the addition to Sharp Park Clubhouse restaurant at Sharp Park Golf Course.

*Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.*





**10. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
TENNIS COURT COMPLEX  
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

Approval of request for bids for operation of various concessions at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Court complex.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that staff has been unsuccessful in trying to lease a concession for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Court and has had 2 failures in the last 2 years. Rather than try a third time, staff proposed the following:

- Lease 4 separate teaching courts for private tennis instructors to offer tennis lessons.
- Rent the pro shop office space for tennis related purposes
- Establish an outdoor food vending pushcart concession

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said the teaching courts will be available for teaching all day.

Commissioner Chan felt it was important to have all of the permits for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts terminate at the same time.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16933**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request for bids for operation of various concessions at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Court complex provided that all of the permits expire on the same date.

*Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.*

4:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. Commissioner Ruiz left the meeting room.

**11. GOLF DIVISION  
AUTOMATED GOLF RESERVATION SYSTEM  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Approval of a request for proposal to purchase a computer automated telephone tee time golf reservation system for the Golf Division.

**Budget Officer, Garrett Furuichi**, explained that this item will allow for the acquisition of a telephone tee time reservation system and will improve collections as identified by the Civil Grand Jury Report. The new automated golf reservation system will provide:

- convenient 24 hour access
- detail information on daily play
- impartial assignment of tee times
- improvement in Department's internal control



**11. GOLF DIVISION**  
**AUTOMATED GOLF RESERVATION SYSTEM**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (Continued)**

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Furuichi explained that the computer system will be housed at McLaren Lodge. He further explained that staff is working with the City's Treasurer's Office to set up a system whereby credit cards will be accepted by the Department.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16934**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request for proposal to purchase a computer automated telephone tee time golf reservation system for the Golf Division.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

*Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Sommer*  
*Absent: Commissioner Ruiz*

**12. CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**ADVERTISING PROGRAM**

Approval of advertising signage at Candlestick Park for Office Depot.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Sony Scoreboard Agreement gives the City approval rights over advertising and the Commission cannot unreasonably withhold its approval. At the Committee level, Commissioner Mazzola raised the issue as to why this item was being considered by the Commission when the signage was already in place at Candlestick Park. Mr. Arnold explained that in researching this issue, it was found that in 1989 the Commission gave authorization to the General Manager to approve advertising copy for in-stadium advertising and report these actions to the full Commission at its monthly meetings. He recommended that this policy be followed unless the Commission chose to approve them individually.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that when there was a Stadium Manager for Candlestick Park, he was actively trying to jump-start the advertising program and found that potential advertisers wanted their signs in place immediately. It seemed like a needless delay to wait for the Commission to approve the advertising signs since it could not unreasonably withhold its approval. Therefore the Commission gave authorization to the General Manager.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16935**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the advertising signage at Candlestick Park for Office Depot.

*Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.*



**12a. LAKE MERCED**

**PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB  
ADDITIONAL SHOOTING**

Consideration of the request of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club to shoot on Thursday, July 21, 1994, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Pacific Rod and Gun Club has requested permission to amend its current agreement with the Recreation and Park Commission to authorize shooting on Thursday, July 21, 1994. A compromise was reached in October 1993 that allowed the Club to shoot on designated days because the Department was receiving more and more complaints about noise from shooting. Staff has contacted the Manager of the Oakwood Apartments, who agreed to shooting on this day. Staff was concerned that approving this request would set a precedent and therefore did not recommend approval.

**Mike Pera**, a retired San Francisco Firefighter, currently director of Recreation for the City of Hillsborough, member of the Burlingame Recreation and Park Commission, and President of the California Firefighters Athletic Association, explained that this request is for a shotgun benefit for the Firefighters Association that is being held 7/17 through the 7/22. The request is late because they previously had reservations at a club in the Peninsula that went out of business and they were trying to find another site for the tournament. He was unaware of the agreement with the Pacific Rod and Gun Club and said this is a one-time request. He further explained that the Club has 30 discretionary hours that can be used for shooting. He understood the guidelines set by the Commission and hoped that the consideration could be given to his request.

Commissioner Chan wondered if they shoot on Thursday, could they forfeit one of the days in a future week. Mr. Arnold said the discretionary hours could be applied to days on which they shoot if the tournament goes beyond 5:00 p.m. It could be argued that the tournament would be extended beyond Wednesday to Thursday.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Pera did not know the circumstances surrounding the closure of the club in the Peninsula.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16936**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club to shoot on Thursday, July 21, 1994, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. under the 30 hour discretionary rule.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz**

**Noes: Commissioner Sommer**



### **13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Emeric Kalman**, a berthholder and San Francisco resident, said the statement made by Commissioner Rovetti at last month's meeting was inappropriate. He said when he raised an issue he was asking the Commission and the management to answer the issue. He asked how the management and the Commission is handling public money and felt if he thought the public money was being wasted he had the right to raise such an issue. He said the Charter mandates that City employees have rules and regulations on how they should do their job. He said that \$200-300,000 is being wasted at the Marina and nobody answers questions he poses. President Immendorf sent him a letter that said staff is working to calculate the loss of income from unrented berths. To date, he has not received any cost figures from staff or the Commission to questions he raised in his 1/10/94 letter.

Commissioner Rovetti informed Mr. Kalman that his letters were answered by the Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose. President Immendorf said he would respond to Mr. Kalman's letter in 10 days.

**Michael Murray**, said there is a big problem by the Beach Chalet soccer fields with homosexuals having sex. It bothered him that this activity took place when kids are playing soccer in such close vicinity and felt that something had to be done about it. He said that the Richmond Police Station does patrol the area when they have a spare squad car available but that is not resolving the problem. He said parks are for children and that he has spoken to Supervisor Conroy about this matter. He felt it was not an appropriate use of a park and that he planned to contact the local newspapers about this matter. He spoke to a mounted patrol police officer who said he was told not to patrol this area in the park.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, said uses for the west end of the park were considered when the Golden Gate Master Plan was being developed these last two years. The Planning Office is trying to work with people in the community and with the Police Department to bring new uses into the area: a new soccer field, opening the Beach Chalet, more visibility to the equestrian trail, etc.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that she personally met with Police Captain Otten and walked the site. The Police would like the understory lifted but the plant material and fence on the west side is a wind break for the western end of the park. Staff has taken crews out there to clear the area so there is more visual access. Police Chief Ribera has promised that the mounted patrol and the Hondas would go to the area. She informed the Commission and Mr. Murray that she would contact Police Chief Ribera about this issue.

**Philip Carleton**, representing the Watch Bison Committee, said he is trying to improve the bison habitat in Golden Gate Park for the animals and to make it a better zoological exhibit. He has a group of 30 to 40 volunteers who have had 9 volunteer workdays in cooperation with the Department. He asked that when the Commission reviews the Golden Gate Park Master Plan next month that it include more land for the bison in the park. At present there are approximately 11 acres for the bison. He wanted additional land to be returned to the bison, land that is now being used for reforestation purposes. He wanted a statement in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan that says the land will be returned to the animals by the year 2000. He said this was supported by the Joint Zoo Committee.





### 13. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer clarified the point that the Joint Zoo Committee conducted a tour of the bison area but did not take a formal position on returning this land to the bison.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, was aware of this issue and said there are several concerns about maintaining a windbreak and was concerned that the trees that are planted for the reforestation area must have an opportunity to establish themselves. In the past, experience has shown that trees planted where the bison are present, do not survive.

**Susan Douglas**, representing the California Academy of Sciences, commended Joel Robinson and Esther Kwan of the Department who helped develop a summer camp program at the Academy. This program is for hundreds of kids in the City who either visit the Academy of Sciences or one of the Academy vans which visit recreation centers. She thanked the Department for this wonderful program.

### 14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Immendorf said that he made his report when he commented on the Charter reform issue during the General Manager's Report.

### 15. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of May 4, 1994
- Recreation Program Committee Meeting of May 25, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of June 2, 1994
- Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee meeting of June 6, 1994.
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of June 7, 1994

### 16. ADJOURNMENT

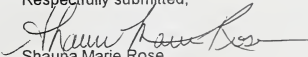
On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Milton Savage, husband of June Gutfleisch of Supervisor Bierman's Office, who passed away.

On motion of President Immendorf the meeting was adjourned in memory of Harold Arnold, father of Phil Arnold, who passed away recently.

On motion of President Immendorf the meeting was adjourned with special thoughts to Commissioner Sue Sommer on hearing of the failing health of her mother.

There being no further business, the 694th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary



San Francisco, California  
July 13, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1994 - 7:00 P.M.  
Golden Gate Park Senior Center, 6101 Fulton Street

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, July 13, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz (noted present at 7:40 p.m.)  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Approval of resolution recommending initiation of environmental review for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that designing Golden Gate Park was a process that began over 120 years ago when a park was developed on the outside lands in San Francisco. The concept was very controversial and many thought that trees would not grow on sand dunes. The park has benefited many generations and it was her hope that the Master Plan process would set the stage to ensure that the park is preserved for the next 120 years.

She explained that the Commission's role was to hear from the public who has been meeting for almost 2 years with technical experts and interested citizens on the many elements of the plan. This meeting was the first opportunity for the Commission to take public testimony and review the work that has taken place over the last 2 years.



**2. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

Ms. Burns said that a great deal of the public input has been received, evidence that many people care about Golden Gate Park. Tonight, the Commission could recommend the proposal be forwarded for environmental review to the Department of City Planning as written, they may suggest modifications based on their review and/or based on public comment, or the Commission may choose to not take action at this time. However, the Commission may not adopt the plan until the environmental review is certified by City Planning; after environmental review is completed, the plan will return to the Commission for final approval.

The basic element of the Master Plan is that it is a preservationist plan. The park was designed by William Hammond Hall over 120 years ago and implemented by talented individuals the least of whom was John McLaren. The vision of the park is that it should remain in the same format, the same design that now in place as was conceived by its original designer. However, because of new issues, rules and laws, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it may mean that not everything remains exactly the same. The plan itself needs to have balance and people who will testify will have different ideas about what should be done. Ms. Burns complimented the citizens who have participated in the planning process for their interest and concern about the park.

The future of the park, particularly in terms of its maintenance needs, is important. Reforestation is vital and the issue of maintenance is something that must be addressed to find a way to bridge the gap between the City's funding support for the park and the level of maintenance it requires.

**Park Planner Deborah Learner**, said the Commission's task will be to decide whether to go forward with the planning process and initiate the environmental review. Ms. Learner highlighted some of the elements of the Master Plan and the various changes and improvements that are proposed. The Master Plan is a preservation plan. Ms. Learner quoted the park mission statement from the Master Plan, "The purpose of Golden Gate Park is to serve as an open space preserve in the midst of San Francisco. This historic park is a cultivated pastoral and sylvan landscape defined by an abundant evergreen woodland. It is designed and managed to afford opportunity for all to experience beauty, tranquility, recreation and relief from urban pressures".

Ms. Learner then gave a slide show which offered an overview on Golden Gate Park from its historic beginning. The park was created on sand dunes and is a fragile, artificial landscape that requires intensive maintenance. In the early days of the park one could see the difference between the native landscape and newly planted trees. Those trees are now coming to the end of their life cycle. The present park layout is very similar to the one designed in the 1870s and remains the sylvan retreat for seniors, families, and children and serves as a gathering place for people who come together in a social atmosphere and appreciate the park.



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Ms. Learner explained that through the planning process the park's history has been reviewed as well as how it is maintained and used. The update to the Golden Gate Park Master Plan has been a 23 month process, with many community meetings, task force sessions, and workshops.

Ms. Learner then highlighted the draft plan through a slide show and described elements contained in the Master Plan:

■ **The History Section** display a series of maps that shows the development of the park from when the park was first created to the present. The eastern part of the park has many more types of land use while the western part, as conceived by William Hammond Hall, emphasizes the woodland character, offering a sense of privacy and nature. An important component of the plan is that it provides an understanding of the character of the park.

■ **Objectives and Policies** A statement of objectives and policies were adopted in 1979. These have been updated, revised and expanded. The gist of those policies is the preservation of the park, an interest in maintaining its established uses, and providing understanding to meet today's needs.

■ **Park Landscape.** The Master Plan offers a series of maps that describes views, and screening and other functions and aesthetic qualities of the landscape. *The Park Forest* is the critical fabric that holds the park together by creating a series of windbreaks. Reforestation is the vital renewal of these windbreaks. The forest is part of the essential infrastructure for the park. *Erosion Control* is an important requirement in the landscape and reflects the wear and tear it receives from heavy use. *Oak Woodlands* are the remnant of the natural indigenous landscape. There is a goal to give this type of landscape more emphasis in future years in the park. *Wildlife Habitat* is an important element to the plan and there is more of an expectation in this era to preserve, enhance and safeguard habitat areas for wildlife.

■ **Circulation Plan** Circulation is of concern because of the many vehicles in the park. There is an interest in providing more of an opportunity for people to enjoy themselves as pedestrians without vehicles but at the same time maintain access to all park facilities. The Circulation Plan is composed of several elements. *The Draft Circulation Action Plan* identifies actions to be implemented in the near term. The action plan identifies some roadway sections for closures. There is about 15 miles of roadway in the park and the plan proposes approximately 5% of those roads be closed. The criteria for road closures was predicated on being able to provide alternate routes in every situation and being able to access all park facilities. Most of the roads proposed for closure are quite small such as 30th Avenue or a portion of Middle Drive West; the largest section proposed is Conservatory Drive East. All of these proposed closures would be scrutinized further in the environmental review process.

At the Intersection of King and Crossover there is a proposal to prohibit East bound left turns onto Park Presidio from King. Much of the traffic is pushed into the park at this point by those wishing to access the Golden Gate Bridge. Another issue is encouraging slower driving and discouraging speeding commuter traffic. Two actions are suggested: ① A "T" intersection as one enters the park at Kennedy and Kezar Drive affording the opportunity to recapture about 12,000 square feet of park land, ② Extend landscape areas on the east section of Kennedy Drive are to be created primarily near intersections





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and corners. That landscape would encroach into the parking lane but leave the travel lanes free. This measure will calm traffic. *The Bicycle Circulation Component* is a critical element of the circulation plan and tries to enhance opportunities for cycling both within the park and connecting to other bikeways throughout the City. There is an issue of bicycles on soft surface trails and staff is working with trail users to address this matter. The component identified as *Ideas for Future Consideration* specifies actions that may be considered in the future but would not be part of the adopted circulation plan. These ideas for future consideration would be mentioned in the environmental review process with the understanding that if those items were to be incorporated as part of the plan they would require additional study, further environmental review and ultimately an amendment to the Master Plan. **Accessibility.** The Plan addresses improved disability access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). **Pathway Standards.** Appropriate signs, surfacing, and width for all types of paths and trails is proposed for the equestrian trails, bicycle paths and shared multi-use trails.

■ **Recreation** The Plan proposes that an additional *soccer field* be placed at the Richmond Sunset Sewage Plant which is scheduled for demolition. **Playgrounds** will be restored and upgraded to meet disability safety standards. Ms. Learner has been meeting with trail users of all types, bicyclists, walkers, and equestrians to discuss trail issues including dirt bike use. There are many proposals for the *equestrian center* such as a covered ring and a caretakers unit incorporated into the existing or renovated facility. **Major Events.** The Master Plan references the Recreation and Park Commission's Permit and Reservation Policy which is reviewed every 6 months and is the avenue to address concerns for large events. The Master Plan does give some standards for appropriateness of events and standards that the events be compatible with the landscape of the park.

■ **Visitor Facilities** Standard signs will be placed at the entry ways to provide clarification and information for visitors and what is expected of them in using the park. Ms. Learner displayed proposed concepts for signage along the trails. Visitor center locations identified include the County Fair Building, the Pioneer Log Cabin, and Beach Chalet. The Plan calls for visitor services to be offered at existing facilities. There may be a small kiosk in the Music Concourse area. The Plan recommends upgrading *rest rooms* in the park.

■ **Building and Monuments** There are numerous buildings in the park, and appropriate improvements have been identified for each of them. Some call for modest expansion such as at the Golden Gate Park Golf Clubhouse and Tennis Clubhouse. There is a slate of proposals for disability access and seismic improvements at most of the park facilities. Buildings such as the Beach Chalet and the windmills are some of the features in the park that people hope to see rehabilitated. There are many monuments in the park and there is an "Adopt a Monument" program in place that helps to maintain the monuments.

■ **Utilities and Infrastructure** The 1992 Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond will help renew the park's water system and a night lighting plan is scheduled for selected areas in the park such as the tennis courts, Angler's Lodge, and the Pioneer Log Cabin.

■ **Maintenance and Operations** It is the intent to upgrade some of the maintenance areas with landscape to screen them to make them more appropriate to the park landscape.



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■ **Park Management** Twenty-five to thirty additional positions have been identified in order to maintain the park at an appropriate level. It is also recommended that the Park Patrol have an expanded role and additional positions.

■ **Park Funding** A number of areas have been identified for additional funding. The funding requirement for the park is approximately \$9.8 Million; it generates approximately \$3.1 Million in revenues. Currently, the Department depends on the City's General Fund to support the park but it is hoped that this funding source could be augmented with funds from the private sector as well as other identified potential sources of funding. Staff is looking at other mechanisms such as a tax to add to the funding program for the park.

■ **Special Area Plans** are identified in the Master Plan. For example, the *Music Concourse* has a detailed slate of improvements. The plan for the *West End* is to bring more uses to this part of the park. The Richmond Sunset Sewage Treatment Plant is slated for demolition and there is a list of improvements for the *Bison Paddock*. There is a proposal for a crop rotation on the South side so that the bison can be seen grazing. There are plans to improve several of the entry ways to the park, such as the Ninth Avenue entry.

Ms. Learner completed her presentation by saying that the Golden Gate Park Master Plan will bring the City into the next century. The park is a wonderful, urban park. She thanked Doug Nelson and Asa Hanamoto, from Royston Hanamoto Alley & Abey, Jeff Buxbaum from DKS Associates and Marcia Bedford for their ongoing assistance in preparing the Master Plan.

President Immendorf said the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is almost 2 years in the making and input has been received from hundreds of individuals and organizations. He was certain that there would be many concepts voiced by the public on the proposed Master Plan. The Commission wanted to incorporate into the Master Plan a knowledge and sensitivity for the many varied and different uses for the park while trying to be sympathetic to every segment in the community including the elderly and disabled.

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Deanna Brinkman, spoke on behalf of the San Francisco Garden Club, and discussed the Conservatory of Flowers. She said the Master Plan references the Conservatory as seismically deficient and high on the list of structures to be rehabilitated. The structure was built in 1878 and is one of the oldest in the park and is a landmark building. She believed that preservation and restoration of existing structures should take precedent over building of new structures. She urged the Commission to move rapidly to restore the Conservatory of Flowers because of its deteriorated state. She posed specific questions regarding the Conservatory to the Commission.

Dr. Shelley Fernandez, co-founder of the Watch Bison Committee, spoke about the bison paddock in Golden Gate Park and said it has been in the park over 103 years. She said the Master Plan is an excellent document but did not include the fact that 3 acres of land have been taken away from the buffalo. She asked the Commission to include a remark in the Master Plan that states by the year 2000 the land be returned to the bison. She explained that petitions have been collected in support of this issue.



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**George Tainter**, said his chief concern was the closing and narrowing of roads in Golden Gate Park. He is associated with the San Francisco Task Force Committee for Senior Citizens and has been working to improve conditions for seniors. Seniors want to spend a fair amount of time in the park and the proposed closures take away the rights of seniors. He felt that speed bumps should be considered to slow traffic in the park rather than road closures. He said road closures would create a chaotic condition for both sides of the park.

**David Robinett**, representing the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, participated in the planning process for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan in addressing issues regarding the bison paddock in the park. Many issues regarding the bison have been addressed but there are a lot of problems managing the herd. Although the 3 acres of land may not be available to the bison the reforested area is needed as a buffer for wind and against the public having contact with the animals. The herd has been sized to work well in dimension of the present paddock and the Zoo plans to try limited pasture rotation. The Zoo wants to exhibit the herd in a setting that naturally shows how they would look in the wild.

**Jonathan Stern**, representing the Sunset Richmond Green Party, and the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, explained that the Coalition is comprised of environmental and neighborhood groups who believe that the most important plan for the park is to afford opportunities for people to enjoy views, tranquility, recreation and relief from urban pressures. The Coalition believes that the park is an oasis for all citizens of San Francisco and the Bay Area from the urban environment of modern life. The most important element of the Master Plan is the issue of transportation because fewer cars would make the park an ideal setting as an escape from pressures of modern life. He realized that cars are necessary to access the park but measures should be implemented to minimize cars. He concurred with the proposal to have a shuttle system and supported weekend road closures and closures of unneeded roadways.

**Bruce H. Selby**, representing Lake Shore Acres Improvement Club, was very concerned about the proposed road closure of Sunset Boulevard. This road provides access into the park as well as through the park into the Northern section of the City. The closure of this major artery will force thousands of vehicles into the Sunset community and onto 19th Avenue. 19th Avenue is a heavily congested roadway and the closure of Sunset Boulevard will create a gridlock on 19th Avenue and the Great Highway. He urged the Commission to carefully consider the road closure of Sunset Boulevard.

**Jerry Zagorites**, said over 100 years ago Golden Gate Park was a park in the wilderness in a sense because the city did not surround it. Now it is an urban park and he was concerned that the Master Plan did not give full consideration to the closure of the park. He was opposed to the road closures proposed and felt the Plan should consider the means to facilitate traffic through the park with grade separations or a tunnel. Cars should not travel through the park 30 miles per hour. He said that visitors to the Academy of Sciences and museums in the park need a place to park and that an underground parking garage should be considered for the institutions in the park.



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**Susanne Barthell**, representing the Watch Bison Committee, said they were very pleased with the improvements that have been listed in the Master Plan for the bison. The only one issue that remains is the size of the paddock. The return of the acreage for the bison would ensure that a pasture rotation could be instituted. She said there is great support for this concept.

**Howard Strassner**, representing the Sierra Club Transportation Committee, supported the road closures. The road closure on Middle Drive will set up a cul-de-sac that will be pleasant for people who want to picnic in the park. All of the road closures will enable people to drive to the park but will not allow them to use the park as a commute route. The 3 to 4 hour parking restriction will limit commuters from using the park. However, the commuters inside the park such as Recreation and Park Department workers, museum and Academy of Science workers must be addressed. There is an employee parking lot adjacent to the Fine Arts Museums and the Sierra Club supports charging a fee for these parking areas. He suggested that MUNI run extra service to the park and hoped that the narrowing of Kennedy Drive would result in slowing traffic in the park.

**Flora Zagorites**, a volunteer at the deYoung Museum and Academy of Sciences, said the idea of keeping people out of the park is a great one but it bisects the City. People who come to the institutions need a place to park and a way to get into the park. She further stated that the museums would be in bad state without the hundreds of volunteers. A three hour parking restriction will negatively impact volunteers because their shifts are 4 hours or more. She was concerned about the proposed road closures in the park and felt it would create a hardship for people trying to get across the City.

**Rachel Ellis**, of the North of Panhandle Organization, said she viewed the Master Plan with enthusiasm and appreciation for the work of the dedicated people. She asked that there be a public comment period prior to adoption of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, particularly as it relates to the Panhandle. The Panhandle is part of Golden Gate Park and serves as an entry into the park, especially for bicyclists. However, it also serves as a neighborhood park for the residents on the 16 blocks that border it. Residents wanted to see the Panhandle remain part of the park system rather than part of the freeway expansion. She further felt it was improper to award concessions based solely on the best bid because a park facility should not be only for profitable ventures. She felt the Saturday closure would be unfair to the institutions in the park and suggested that the park be closed west of the Music Concourse area. She said the Golden Gate Park Conservancy should allow for public participation.

**Ruth Asawa**, a trustee at the Fine Arts Museum, said she appreciated the many users that comprise Golden Gate Park. She said that much effort has been devoted by the Fine Arts Museums staff in developing the plan and that she appreciates museums more and more. She said that art belongs to everyone and that weekends are a critical time for the museums to open their doors and serve people in the community, who work during the week. She felt that people need access to the museums on Saturday and that parking means access. She urged the Commission to allow the Kennedy Drive to remain open on Saturdays and noted that the Sunday closure has impacted the museums.







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**Harry Parker**, Director of Fine Arts Museums, congratulated the Department for a very detailed, thoughtful and participatory process that has taken place in developing the Master Plan. He felt the museums have been fairly treated and realize that some compromises must be made to meet the different needs of the park users. He felt the Museums were an important attraction in the park and noted that the museums have agreed to some things that are not in their immediate best interest but will better serve the overall needs of the City. He wanted to discourage commuter parking in the park and see traffic speeds reduced. He was willing to support car-pooling measures even though it would not be popular with his staff. He also supported a shuttle system and hoped it could be developed. However, he did object to the continuing effort to introduce closure of Kennedy Drive on Saturdays. He said the Sunday closure represents a fair balance that should not be changed. A Saturday closure would be a hardship. He also supported reducing speeds on Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive but did not want the road narrowed in such a way that it would prohibit parking at night. He favored parking along Tea Garden Drive during the day and thought it would contribute to slowing down the traffic. He finally submitted a resolution adopted by the Fine Arts Trustees regarding the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

**Donna Ernstson**, representing Friends of Recreation and Parks, noted the spectacular effort that has taken place to develop the Master Plan and felt the Plan was conclusive. As the support group for the Recreation and Park Department its purpose was to consider the well being of the park as a whole. Friends is a preservationist organization that considers the historic status of the park and its legacy to serve the people of San Francisco by creating a respite for all citizens. She urged the Commission to closely consider issues relating to circulation and transportation in the name of accessibility.

**Kate Webster**, representing the Sierra Club and the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, explained the Coalition banded together to establish a common vision for the Park to afford opportunities for all to experience beauty, tranquility, recreation and relief from urban pressures. The Coalition wanted to preserve the park and to move closer to the Master Plan Policies E, F, G and H restricting the amount of traffic under Objective III, Park Circulation. She enumerated these policies and explained that the Coalition felt it was important that each user group have a place to go and not feel frightened by the speed of vehicles traveling through the park. She expressed concern about maintaining the park and felt people should feel safe going to the park.

**Julie Brook**, a docent at the Strybing Arboretum and also a guide in Golden Gate Park, spoke on behalf of the gardeners in Golden Gate Park. She has been coming to the park for 7 years and noted that John McLaren and William Hammond Hall had hundreds of employees at their disposal. The park's physical landscape is slowly eroding as a result of the inadequate gardening staff. She felt it was important for park users to respect the park and that one of the priorities of the Master Plan should be increased manpower for the park.



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**Marilyn Duffy**, the volunteer and visitor services manager at the deYoung Museum, said that many of the provisions in the Master Plan are good such as minimizing traffic in the park, better signage, disabled access to the park, and visitor services in the park. She felt that a Saturday closure in the park will be an impediment for visitors and volunteers who come to the park. She said people find it difficult to get to the Park on Sundays with the races and other events held in the Park and that a Saturday closure would be an additional hardship.

**John A. McKnight**, said every weekend people use the park to enjoy the open roadways free of traffic which is the natural landscape for a skater. He wanted roller-skating to be written into the Master Plan as one of the major park users. He felt that the Kennedy Drive/8th Avenue/Kezar Drive closure on Saturdays was a worthy proposal because it is not considered a new closure and the area is level.

**David G. Miles, Jr.**, representing the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol, President of the Outdoor Rollerskating Association, said that the Skate Patrol started their "official" work in the park 15 years ago. He led the petition to close Golden Gate Park to traffic and said that one of the main topics of discussion in the park is closing the Park on Saturdays. He felt a way should be found to implement the Saturday closure. He further explained that as a volunteer he felt he had not received support from the Recreation and Park Department. He wanted to open the communication process with the Department and Commission and said that the powers at be should frequent the park more often to gain a better understanding of the park's needs.

**Dave Rhody**, was pleased with the public forum process and said as a citizen of San Francisco and an event director for many events that occur in the park he felt the Master Plan was well thought out in many ways but that there was a need to reach compromise on some issues. Although the plan speaks about the park being accessible he questioned whether the east end of the Park is accessible. He supported the concept of less traffic in the park but felt people needed to be able to park in the areas around the east end of the park to have access to the institutions, particularly the elderly, people who are physically challenged, and families. A shuttle program must be in place in order for the park to be accessible. Limiting the width of John F. Kennedy Drive at Kezar Drive will create major problems for some of the events that occur in Golden Gate Park. Over the years, the Commission has encouraged running events to exit the park via John F. Kennedy Drive and narrowing the road will be problematic for races such as the Run to the Far Side and the Bay to Breakers as well as bicycle events.

**Kathy Tang**, spoke in support of the permanent road closures which represent only 5% of the present roads in Golden Gate Park. The proposed road closures will not inhibit north/south traffic, for those wishing to travel from the Richmond to the Sunset Districts. The road closures will promote a much needed park like atmosphere, a retreat from urban pressures of smog, traffic jams and speeding cars. On Sundays when the park is closed you will see families, pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters, and others enjoying the park without the fear of being run over or the presence of smog that cars create. Music and sounds of people enjoying themselves fill the air, rather than cars, noise and honking horns. She urged the support of the 5% road closures.



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**Kathy D. Henning**, said the park can be enjoyed by bicyclists, in-line skaters and walkers and does not have to affect access to the institutions in the park. She was not sure why all of the closures affected the institutions that people want to visit and use.

**Lorraine Grassano**, a Park Patrol Officer for the Recreation and Park Department, said the Master Plan is excellent and a good beginning toward creating a balance. She felt that the balance was presently tipped slightly toward the automobile and did not think closing 3/4 mile of unnecessary roadway would be a hardship. She felt that closing Kennedy Drive one out of seven days was not a compromise. This Master Plan would create a more balanced situation. She said there were three things standing in the way of relief from urban pressure: excessive autos, excessive events and amplified sound.

**Phil Arnold**, Assistant General Manager, Recreation and Park Department, explained that he was a strong supporter of the Master Plan and a regular park user. He voiced his concerns regarding to the park concessions. The concessions generate between \$2-3 Million annually for the park and several proposals have been considered by the Commission to make improvements, enhancements and changes to park concessions. Some of these elements are not fully detailed in the Plan. He outlined the problematic issues: ①The concession behind the Bandshell are temporary and unsightly. He felt it would be wise to create permanent structures in this area; ②A caretaker cottage should be incorporated into the existing Equestrian Center. Staff has received two bids for the operation of the Stables both of which call for expansion within the footprint of the Stables, and expansion of the structures. ③Staff has reviewed the Millwright's House and feels that it should be demolished. ④It is recognized that the arts program, has outgrown the Sharon Building. Staff is not trying to push them out but a new site should be found for the arts program. ⑤Tennis Clubhouse may need some modest expansion of the building which should be considered in the environmental review process.

**Brian Casey**, a mountain bicycle user in the park, said that use of bicycles on off road trails, while it is not presently designated, is something that should be considered in the Master Plan. Mountain bikers are now working with the Park Planner on this issue and understand the issue of erosion and conflict with other park users. He wanted the Master Plan to include some accommodation for off road bicycle use in the park. He commended Deborah Learner who has worked with many users trying to reach a compromise. He felt that the Commission should consider road closures in the western end of the Park so as to not impact the institutions in the east end of the park.

**Greg Gaar**, member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, which is one of the number of coalitions associated with the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, said the Coalition was formed because it initially thought the plan did not propose enough road closures and did not impose enough controls from the impact of the automobile upon the park experience. He felt the plan was now effective in controlling the impact of the motor vehicle on the park experience and said the Coalition supported the plan as presented. He displayed a photograph showing the difference of Kennedy Drive on Saturday with automobiles and on Sundays without vehicles. He also submitted 450 signatures stating that there are too many cars in Golden Gate Park.



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**John McCosker**, representing California Academy of Sciences, voiced his concern about any future closures along the east end of the park as well as the current closure on Sunday until such time as there is an adequate mechanism to give people access to the park. Closures frustrate people who want to visit the institutions in the east end of the park and burden the neighborhood. Any additional closures should not be done until such time as a mechanism is in place affording people access to the park.

**Carol Prince**, Strategic Planner for the California Academy of Sciences, urged the Commission to support a 4 hour parking restriction in the eastern end of the park where the institutions are located. A 3 hour limit would restrict people and many visitors who want to enjoy more than one of the institutions in the park. Visitors at the Academy stay 2 hours and 20 minutes and a 3 hour restriction would give them little time to enjoy other areas in the park. The Academy urged the Commission to lobby the MUNI to increase its service to the park on the weekends and to support a shuttle system. The Academy has secured a grant for \$100,000 to provide 2 alternative energy vehicles but needs further funding for this shuttle system.

**Mike Brown**, represented the off road mountain bike users in Golden Gate Park, explained that they were not in the park to run people down. He said the Commission should make a strong effort to enlist mountain bike cyclists to volunteer their time in trail maintenance.

**Burton Rockwell**, a Board member of the Friends of Recreation and Park, said the Master Plan has a serious conflict that is recognized by everyone who worked on it: The access to the Music Concourse area and the desire to close the Kennedy Drive. He felt that this conflict calls for an underpass under Kennedy Drive to give egress to the Concourse. The other part of the solution is the park shuttle. The only arguments against these solutions is the cost. The Master Plan should reference what the City needs.

**Honey Harm**, a volunteer at the California Academy of Sciences, said there are approximately 1000 volunteers at the Academy who donate 50,000 hours per year and contribute tremendously to the operation of the Academy. Volunteers need a place to park and a 3 hour parking restriction would hinder the volunteer effort.

**Karen Crommie**, representing the Cole Valley Improvement Association, congratulated the staff for a marvelous plan that is a wish list for those who live near the Park. She said there were a few omissions from the Plan: amplified music/sound in the park, the presence of catering trucks selling T-shirts in the park, and the omission of the recycling center from the Plan. The recycling center has a specific historic importance to the Haight Ashbury community. However, the Commission has an opportunity to give the Center notice to find a proper industrial site for their operation which now involves big trucks breaking glass, 7 days a week. The center is an imposition to the neighbors of the park who care about preserving the park for recreational purposes. The Association supported the 3 hours parking restriction even though it will result in cars going into the neighborhoods surrounding the park.







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**Parker A. Maddux**, a member of the Open Space Committee and Board member of the Friends of Recreation and Parks, thought the Master Plan was a brilliant document and he compliment the authors. However, the Plan gives inadequate recognition to the fact that the park is a barrier to north/south transit. The proposed road closures will compress traffic trying to get across the park. The park has some high density uses and automobiles need access to the existing uses in the park. We now live in an aging population with more elderly people who find that the City's transit system is inadequate. He urged the Commission to consider the fact that some people must drive or have other ways to get into the Park.

**Art Michel**, endorsed the recommendation to decrease automobile use in the park, however, he thought it was important to encourage additional MUNI service. Soon the "F" Line will be begin operating on Market Street. Once the "F" Line is operational, additional MUNI cars could be brought into the park. The destination of Golden Gate Park on a bus line would link the park with regional transit. There will be a need to find a place for the MUNI bus to turn around in the park but some provision should be incorporated into the plan for this type of transit system to the Park.

**Darryl Skrabak**, a member of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and Coalition for Golden Gate Park, supported closure of the North end entrance of Sunset Boulevard into Golden Gate Park and the elimination of a left turn from Martin Luther King onto Crossover Drive. These closures are very important measures which will have an effect on traffic in the West end of the park. He supported a Saturday closure of a portion of Kennedy Drive between 8th Avenue and Kezar Drive. He felt that the proposed 3-4 hour parking restriction should also be considered for weekends to encourage turnover of parking spaces that are desperately needed. There is a conflict of supply and demand at the east end of the Park.

**Susan Arnesen**, representing the Sunset Richmond Chapter of the Green Party, and a member of the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, said the original purpose of the park was to be a sylvan retreat from urban pressures. She became involved in the planning process to preserve the experience for humans and the wildlife. Road closures will open up space for bicyclists, pedestrians, children, seniors and the wildlife to enjoy this retreat from urban pressures. She would love to see the entire park closed to automobile traffic but realized this was unrealistic. The Master Plan is a compromise for all the many needs of the park. She supported the Master Plan as submitted.

**Roberta Borgonovo**, a trustee of the California Academy of Sciences, and a member of Golden Gate Park Transportation Task Force, stressed their commitment to work cooperatively with the Coalition for Golden Gate Park and other interested parties to reduce traffic impacts on the park. The Academy is committed to working with the Department to develop a program that will lessen the impact of employee and volunteer traffic on the park. She thanked the Commission for the extensive public input on the plan and Deborah Learner who has been working with the Academy and other interested parties.



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**David Garcia**, a member of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, supported the 5% road closures and thanked the Commission for being responsive to changing the original draft. He was ready to close the entire park to automobile traffic but realized that, as a community, this was unrealistic. He said he was concerned how major events in the Park are handled by the Department. He noted that a large portion of the park was damaged from the Womad concert held in the park, particularly from automobiles. He asked the Commission to consider a low cost valet bicycle parking program that event promoters would be required to use for large events.

**Lena Emmery**, commended Deborah Learner on the Master Plan and was present to speak about the non-conforming industrial use of the recycling center on park land. She thought it was unfortunate that politics had come into play and that it was removed from an earlier draft of the Master Plan. She encouraged the Commission to remove the recycling center from Golden Gate Park because the City cannot afford to give up this area when it could be used for a recreational activity.

**David Lipsky**, a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the Board of Supervisors, said the Committee has participated in the Transportation Task Force meetings for the past few years with the objective of keeping the park open to cyclists of all levels and for all types of bicyclists. Bicyclists train on park roads, commuter bicyclists traverse the roads to escape busy streets, tourists rent bicycles to use the trails, and children come with parents to improve their riding skills on car free days. He supported the "T" intersection of Kezar/Kennedy Drive, closure of Middle Drive West, partial Saturday closures, the shuttle system and bicycle path improvements. He supported actions such as road closures and other programs to discourage commuter and through traffic in the park. He asked the Commission to consider the future and encourage San Franciscans to leave their cars at home and bicycle to the park. He pleaded with the Commission to not sacrifice the naturalistic character of the park to accommodate the pressure of private automobiles.

**David Snyder**, Executive Director of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, reiterated that his members would like to see the entire park closed to cars. Thirty percent of the City's households do not have access to any car. The Coalition understood that everyone needs access to the park and felt that the plan is a step in the right direction toward reducing the impact of automobiles on the park. He supported the closure of the entrance to the park at Sunset Blvd. He asked that the Kennedy Drive closure on Saturday be modified so that park visitors would still have access to the institutions. He hoped that people would leave their cars at home to visit the park.

**Charles A. Canera**, vehemently opposed the recycling center being part of the Kezar area. He felt the center was a noisy intrusion on the neighborhood and is unsightly. He asked that before any action is taken to further their existence that the Commission visit the center which operates 7 days a week and listen to the noise that is generated from the facility and see the operation adjacent to Kezar Stadium. He said the parking lot near the east end of Kezar Stadium is an eyesore and steps should be taken to make it more aesthetically pleasing.



## 2. GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

**Joan Downey**, spoke about the recycling center and said an earlier version of the Master Plan had a section in it about the recycling center's non-conforming use within the park. She lives near the recycling center and wanted the language re-inserted into the Plan. She described the industrial use of the center and its practice of sending its trucks throughout the City and bringing the material back into the park. She said that the center could stay at its present location until another site is located. She said that the closing of Waller Street will bring much more traffic to Frederick Street and suggested that Waller Street be made one way going east so people could still go down Kezar and make a left turn onto Stanyan Street.

**Jon Allen**, said the recycling center is a non-conforming use and is expressly forbidden in the City's Charter as a non-conforming use of park land. There are large trucks coming and going from the center 7 days a week. Its present level of use does not fit into the Master Plan for Golden Gate Park.

**David Kinsley**, representing the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, supported reasonable off road bicycling in Golden Gate Park. Bicycling is the largest growing participant sport in the world. Many people mountain bike and he asked that use of the park be given to bicycling and that they be able to participate in maintaining the park. He thanked Deborah Learner for letting the Bicycle Coalition participate in the development of the Master Plan.

**Lurilla Harris**, said there is no mention of feral cats in the Master Plan. She wanted to know what the policy was for feral cats and wanted it included in the Master Plan. The Executive Summary discussed improved bicycle baths and widening them for multiple uses with better signage. She urged the Commission to designate all paths for separate uses. She did not want to be walking down a path and be run down by a bicyclist or a horse. She felt the renovation of rest rooms should be the first priority in work improvement projects.

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President Immendorf felt the Master Plan was 80% complete, however, he was of the opinion that some of the issues needed further discussion. He noted that the Master Plan states a goal to improve accessibility of park features but proposes permanent and temporary road closures that would create a climate that is contrary to this objective. He said that Saturday closure of John F. Kennedy Drive will hinder access to the Music Concourse and that perhaps another location in the park should be found for activities such as skateboarding, bicycling, rollerskating, etc. He understood both sides of this problem but felt that the disabled and elderly community, and children must be considered as they have no other way to access the institutions. He wanted to be able to endorse some of the proposed road closures but was unwilling to approve them until another alternative means of access was available to the public such as a shuttle system or improved MUNI service.



**2. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, President Immendorf said he was concerned about many of the road closures and specifically the Saturday closure of John F. Kennedy Drive. He was not voicing support or opposition for any of them but wanted more consideration to be given to the issue of road closures.

Commissioner Chan said the Master Plan is a masterpiece thanks to Deborah Learner and all those who have been involved in the project. He was concerned about the funding plan which showed that revenues generated from admission fees and concessions only paid one-third of the operating costs. He was surprised that this funding gap was taken so lightly. The Commission has been wrestling with a number of concessions in the park such as the Stables, Tennis Courts, and the Beach Chalet, and there has been discussion to expand the buildings in order to bring additional revenue to the park. He said that revenue is the lifeline to the park and given the economic climate of the City the funding program should be considered more carefully.

Commissioner Farrow agreed with the sentiments of her fellow commissioners and said it was gratifying to see the number of people who attended the meeting to express their interest in Golden Gate Park. On behalf of her fellow Commissioners, she thanked Deborah Learner and other staff members who diligently worked to present a Master Plan that will ensure that everyone will be able to enjoy Golden Gate Park for years to come.

Commissioner Sommer added her commendations to Deborah Learner, Mary Burns, Doug Nelson, and the public who put in long hours to protect the park and its future. She commented that although Commission members may not roller-skate they do enjoy and use the park. She could not approve the park closure on Saturday unless and until a shuttle system is in place or MUNI provides alternate transportation. Such action would impact the institutions in the Music Concourse area and she considered them important to the lifeblood and culture of the City. She said a shuttle is an absolute necessity. She also wanted to know what happened to the language pertaining to the recycling center and felt this issue needed to be addressed as well as issues relating to bicycling and the concessions. Finally, she commented that if a new location could be found for log storage, one of the three acres of the land that has been taken away from the bison could be returned. She did not want to remove trees that have been planted in this area because they provide a necessary windbreak for the park. She also supported the 4 hour parking restriction proposed.

Commissioner Rovetti said he was concerned about accessibility issues for everyone who visits Golden Gate Park. He felt that locking up one of the most beautiful drives in the park for roller-skating is wrong. He noted that since Kennedy Drive has been closed on Sundays attendance at the institutions has decreased. He was not opposed to special interest groups but wanted to have Kennedy Drive open on both Saturdays and Sundays so that people can visit the park.





**2. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

Commissioner Mazzola commended Deborah Learner and said as a fairly new commissioner he was overwhelmed with the information contained in the Master Plan. He thanked the community for attending the meeting and giving their views because the many viewpoints raised his awareness. There are more questions that need to be answered before he could vote to forward the Master Plan to City Planning for environmental review.

President Immendorf said that another meeting should be scheduled and was glad that this meeting was held to hear comments and receive input from the public. Those comments help the Commission make a thoughtful decision in the best interest of all. He was pleased that most of the comments related to traffic flow and parking and that it was a testament to the hard work that has been done by staff.

Commissioner Ruiz thanked the public for participating in this process and was pleased to see the number of people who are concerned about this beautiful piece of land. He heartily thanked both staff and the community for their work.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**


At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

*Note for the Record: No Public Comment was received.*

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.



Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

695TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Fifth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 21, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 1994, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

*"EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION* As part of the Department's ongoing Employee Recognition Program, the Park Division has nominated gardeners Cloyd Buck, Deborra Knotts and John Lasley for recognition for their exemplary work at the Japanese Tea Garden. Jim Cooney, Acting Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentation.

*BUDGET UPDATE* The Board of Supervisors has approved a budget for 1994-95. This budget reduces the funding for the Recreation and Park Department by an additional \$213,698. The reduction was taken from employee salaries. The total general fund reduction from the budget which was submitted to the Mayor is now approximately \$2.2 million. The most troubling aspect of this budget is the underfunding of employee salaries. This underfunding is the equivalent of approximately 27 full-time positions. The department currently has 15 vacant positions. Therefore, in order to meet the requirements of the 1994-95 budget, this department will have to impose a hiring freeze until an additional 12 positions become vacant.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER* On Wednesday, July 6, Hamilton Recreation Center was the scene of a tragic and unfortunate incident. During a recreational league basketball game, a young man from the Hunters Point team was shot and killed by a random shot fired into the gym. This is the first incident of this type for any of our recreation facilities. The random nature of the incident has had a demoralizing effect on staff and sessions are now under way to help all involved cope with this tragic situation. The victim was a youngster only 15 years old named Abiel Toeaini who lived in Hunters Point. I am sure I am joined by the Commission and the entire Department in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

*CANDLESTICK OUTSIDE PARKING LOTS* In June the City Planning Commission considered a proposal to rezone to residential use much of the property around Candlestick Park which is currently used for over-flow parking. Normally, a residential use zoning would preclude the use of these properties for parking. However, the Zoning Administrator has informed this department that if these properties are rezoned a provision for parking would be included in the rezoning. If these properties are used for parking in the future, the City will be requiring temporary lighting for night events, disabled access parking and portable restrooms. On July 20, 1994, the Department received four bids for Parking Lot 6 at Candlestick Park, located near the corner of Harney and Jamestown. This agreement is for one year with three one-year options. Staff is currently reviewing the qualifications of each bidder and will bring the contract for ratification to the September Commission meeting.

*PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB* As reported last month, there is new leadership at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club, and there was concern about various deadlines required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board's cease and desist order. I am happy to report that the Pacific Rod and Gun Club has responded to the Department's request for more information. They say that at this time that they have met the compliance deadlines established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. They presented a work plan by the compliance date of June 1, 1994, to study the effects of lead shots on Lake Merced's water fowl as required by the Regional Board. Staff will contact the Regional Board to determine if the work plan will be approved as submitted. The monitoring study will take place over a 12-month period. The next compliance date is October 1, at which time the Club will discontinue the use of lead shots.

*CAPITAL PROJECTS* I am pleased to report the successful completion of two capital projects--Portsmouth Square and the Spreckels Temple of Music. The bandshell rededication was the highlight of the All Nations Day held on July 3. The Portsmouth Square reopening was celebrated on July 14. The festivities included a lion dance performed by four-year olds, distribution of lucky red envelopes and a ribbon-cutting by the children's play area attended by Mayor Jordan and participants from the Chinese community. Both projects were completed on time and within budget and were designed and the construction managed by City staff.

*PUSHCART BIDS* The food vending pushcart sites in Golden Gate Park and various neighborhood parks were advertised for bids during the month of May. Bids were awarded to various vendors (a list is attached to this report), and the operation started July 1, 1994.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*PUSHCART BIDS (Continued)* For uniformity purposes, this year's permit requires all vendors in Golden Gate Park to use the Department issued green umbrella and canopy imprinted "Golden Gate Park." Except for a few vendors, the majority of them were able to obtain the umbrella and canopy on time.

*STOW LAKE - BIKE RENTALS* The concessionaire at Stow Lake has notified us that his insurance coverage for bicycle rentals will expire at the end of this month. The concessionaire does not wish to renew his insurance and has requested approval to sublease the bicycle concession. The Stow Lake lease allows the subleasing of this concession with the approval of the Commission. However, the Commission will not be able to review this matter until its September meeting. In order to avoid an interruption in the bicycle concession, staff has agreed to a two-month assignment of the operation of bicycle rentals at Stow Lake. This period will allow the property management division to assess the new concessionaire and continue to provide the existing service to the public during the busy summer months.

*CANDLESTICK CONVERSION* As the football pre-season approaches, the Candlestick Conversion crews have been planning like never before. Over the years, there have been several times when the field has had to be changed from baseball to football configuration or vice-versa in less than 24 hours. The task has always been accomplished on time; once in only 17 hours. Last year, the Giants added new moveable bleachers in left centerfield. These had to be moved for field conversions. Although done by others under contract, up to 12 hours were added to the conversion time. Now, another section of moveable bleachers has been added in centerfield, and new on-field seating near the dugouts has been added. All this, along with new supports, safety railings, bullpens, etc., will have to be moved with unknown additional time requirements. Fortunately, the first two field conversions allow several days to complete. The third promises to be interesting. The Giants play Atlanta on Sunday afternoon, September 4, 1994. Then the 49'ers home opener is Monday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m., leaving very little time for conversion. The Department's stadium staff, field crews, staff from Structural Maintenance (the Yard), and the rigging contractor (Sheedy Drayage) have already had two in-depth meetings to coordinate these moves. Hopefully, the new procedure will be fine-tuned by the first two field conversions.

*GUSTAVE DORE VASE* Harry S. Parker III, the Director of Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, has requested that the temporary placement of the Gustave Dore vase in the Golden Gate Park Concourse area be extended through June 30, 1995. I have authorized this extension administratively because the placement of the vase in the Concourse has been successful and there has been no evidence of vandalism. When construction work at the Legion of Honor concludes in November 1995, the vase will be relocated to that site.

*STRAWBERRY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL* The Strawberry Music Festival at Camp Mather on Memorial Day weekend was a success. There were 3,927 adults and 708 children in attendance. The event generated \$351,315.00; the Department netted \$41,790. The weather was warm throughout the festival. The camp ground was cleaned in a timely manner pursuant to the lease schedule.





### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*PALACE OF FINE ARTS LAGOON* Results of tests conducted by the Environmental Health Services Division of the Department of Public Health show that there is no indication of sewage in the lagoon. Recreation and Park staff have been meeting weekly with representatives from the Water Department and the Department of Public Works' Clean Water Program to plot a course of action to resolve the proliferation of algae in the lagoon. Short term, Recreation and Park staff have manually removed the algae and are doing a clean-up of the shoreline. In addition, a questionnaire was distributed to neighbors seeking their comments on the lagoon, its past history and their concerns.

*PALACE OF FINE ARTS LAGOON (Continued)* Long term, the lagoon will be dredged of nutrient rich silt and deposits; this has not been done for approximately 15 years and will curb the quantities of algae seen this year. However, the preliminary cost estimate for this work is \$140,000, which is beyond the capacity of the Department's budget. Additionally, in cooperation with the Exploratorium, areas will be planted with ornamental aquatic plants which will take nutrients from the water as well. Two additional aerifying systems will also be installed to improve oxygenation. The Exploratorium will also work with the Department in developing an educational exhibit on the lagoon to try to reduce or eliminate the amount of organic matter that is tossed into the lagoon by visitors and school groups.

*TENNIS CONCESSION* The Golden Gate Park tennis shop and courts #5, 18, 19 and 20 and various neighborhood tennis courts were advertised for bids during the early part of July. Bids are due at 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 20, 1994. A list of bids will be compiled by Tuesday, July 26, 1994 to determine the successful bidders.

*MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LOCAL 856* After more than a year and a half of labor negotiations, mediation and fact finding, we have finally reached agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 856, representing the Animal Keepers at the Zoo. It has been a long and arduous process. Through the Memorandum we have begun the process of instituting a sectional system with team responsibilities, as well as continuing individual assignments. The membership voted their approval on July 6, 1994. If you are interested, a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is available.

*MARINA YACHT HARBOR DREDGING* Only one bid for this work was received by the deadline of July 20. It was from Dutra Construction Company. Because of a problem with the bid's submittal, it has not been opened and a legal determination is being made as to whether it is awardable. There are two major time constraints involving this project. In order for the work to be done prior to the Big Boat Series, which takes place September 15-18, a contract has to be certified very quickly. In addition, the Charter requires that this Commission, which will not meet again until September, approve the award. Because of these time constraints, I would suggest that the Commission give staff the authority to proceed with a contract not to exceed \$300,000 with Dutra Construction Company after appropriate review and recommendation by the City Attorney, the Department of Public Works and the Human Rights Commission. The contract will then be calendared for ratification in September.

*Note for the Record:*

*The Commission gave the General Manager permission to proceed with the dredging contract.*



Recreation and Park Commission Minutes  
Thursday, July 21, 1994

### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### *DATES TO REMEMBER*

Friday, July 22, 1994	Night Tour 1994; 5:30-9:00 p.m.;
Friday, July 29, 1994	San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, August 25, 1994	San Francisco County Fair Flower Show Preview; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park
Friday, August 26, 1994	San Francisco County Fair Flower Show, 10:00 a.m.-
Saturday, August 27, 1994	5:00 p.m.; County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park
Sunday, August 28, 1994	
Monday, September 5, 1994	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 6, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, September 7, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, September 8, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Saturday, September 17, 1994	Opening of Feline Conservation Center; 12:00 noon; San Francisco Zoo"

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolutions were adopted:

#### a. PERSONNEL MATTERS

RES. NO. 16937

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period June 3, 1994 through July 1, 1994.

#### b. RECREATION DIVISION TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER OVERNIGHT TRIP

RES. NO. 16938

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves an overnight camping and river rafting trip from August 13-14, 1994 for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.



**4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)****c. UNION SQUARE  
PARK CLOSURE****RES. NO. 16939**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the park closure from 12:00 Midnight to 6:00 a.m. for Union Square.

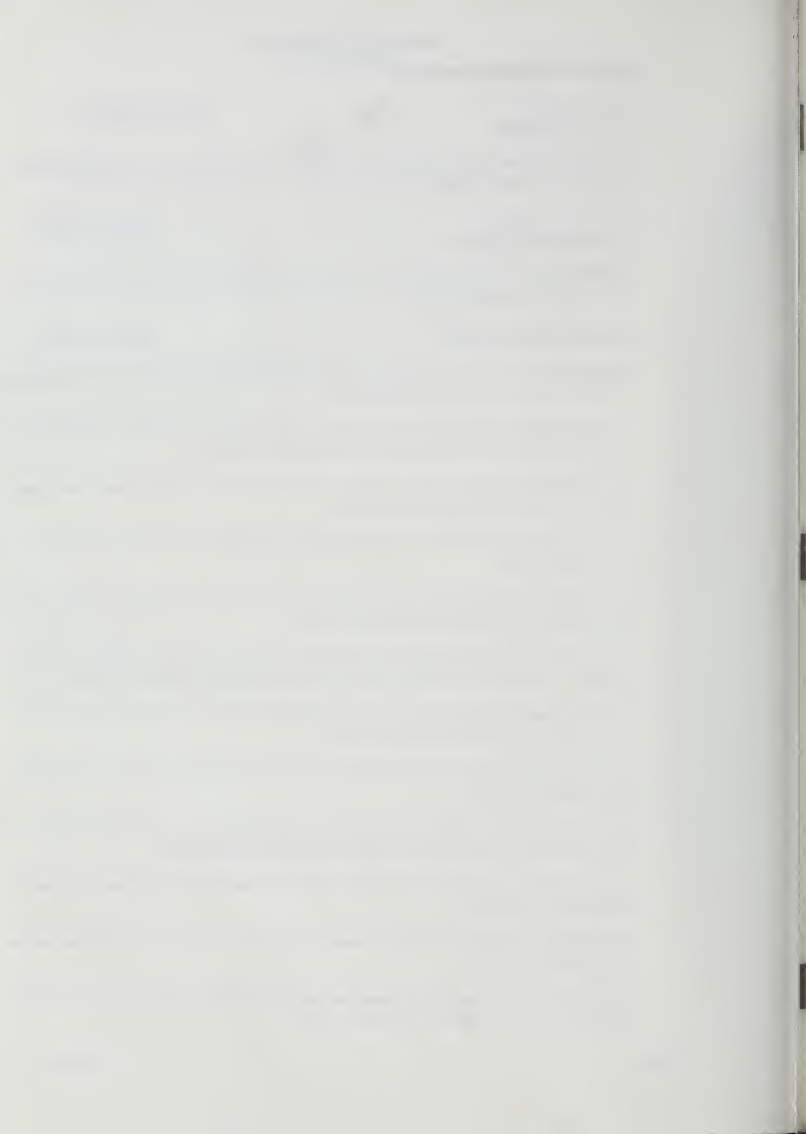
**d. LAFAYETTE PARK  
DOG FREE TOT AREA****RES. NO. 16940**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves installation of fencing to create a dog free tot area in Lafayette Park.

**e. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS****RES. NO. 16941**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$21,900.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Macy's/Bullocks, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,500.00, for the Recreation and Park Department Reforestation Program.
2. From Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ingham, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$500.00, for the Park Maintenance Fund.
3. From Mr. Ray Monteroso, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,000.00, for Kezar Equipment.
4. From Lemat Corporation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$500.00, for the Department's Late Night Basketball Program.
5. From the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in California, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$4,900.00, for the Adopt a Monument Fund.
6. From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$2,500.00, for the Park Maintenance Fund.
7. From an anonymous donor, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,500.00, for Mission Playground.
8. From Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association, Inc., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$500.00, for the Midtown Park Playground.
9. From McKesson Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$3,000.00 for Mission Playground.
10. From Betty Silverman, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,000.00 for the Equestrian Trails Fund.
11. From The San Francisco Foundation through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$5,000.00 for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.



#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

##### f. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES. NO. 16942

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

**DONATION FROM:** Oakland Zoo

P. O. Box 5238

Oakland, CA 94650

USDA 93-C-005

One (1) Female Red-Tailed Hawk

**SOLD TO:** Glen Oak Zoo

2218 N. Prospect Road

Peoria, IL 61603

USDA 33-C-001

One (1) Female Kookaburra, valued at \$250

**SOLD TO:** St. Paul's Como Zoo

Midway Park & Kaufman Drive

St. Paul's MN 55130

USDA 41-C-054

One (1) Female Emperor Tamarin, valued at \$750

**SOLD TO:** John Ball Zoo

1300 W. Fulton

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

USDA 34-C-003

Two (2) Male Crested Screamer, valued at \$80

(Breeding Loan Progeny-Dallas)

**DONATION TO:** Safari West

3115 Porter Creek Road

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

USDA 93-B-093

One (1) Male Mandarin Duck

**SOLD TO:** Fort Worth Zoo

1989 Colonial Parkway

Evansville, IN 47720-5500

USDA 32-C-011

One (1) Male Emperor Tamarin valued at \$400

**SOLD TO:** Sacramento Zoo

3930 West Land Park Drive

Sacramento, CA 95822-1123

USDA 93-C-008

One (1) Female Nyala, valued at \$1500

##### g. CIVIC CENTER PLAZA SHADOW IMPACT

RES. NO. 16943

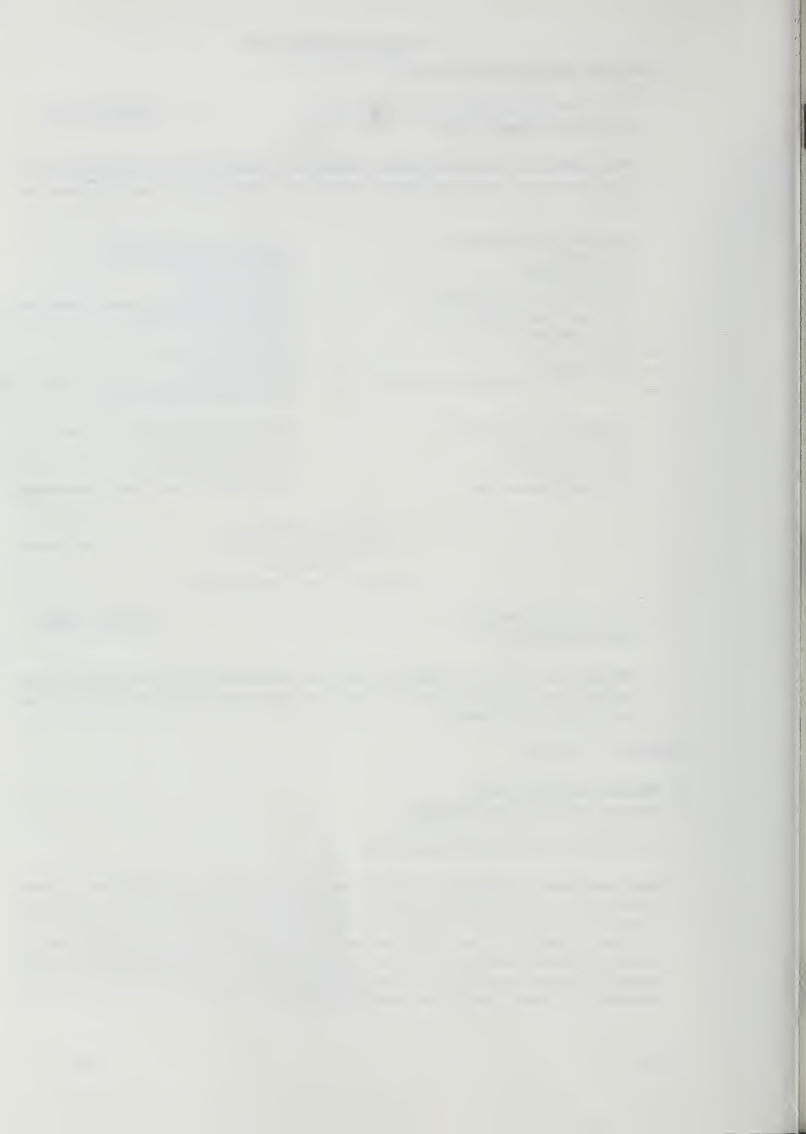
**RESOLVED**, That this Commission finds the shadow impact on Civic Center Plaza by the proposed Courthouse building constitutes insignificant shading of the Plaza and is within the approved criteria.

#### GENERAL CALENDAR

##### 5. SENIOR SERVICES PLAN PRESENTATION TO COMMISSION

Presentation of the Senior Services Plan.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that conceptual approval was being asked for a City-wide senior services plan which has been developed over the last 2 years. Two years ago, then Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, established a special task force to write a strategic five year plan to address the needs of the senior population and to provide delivery of services to seniors in San Francisco. This 22 member task force included a representative from the Recreation and Park Department, Mr. Peter Ashe, who assisted in the development of the senior services plan.





## 5. SENIOR SERVICES PLAN PRESENTATION TO COMMISSION (Continued)

**John Blumlein**, co-chair of the Senior Services Task Force, gave a brief overview of the Senior Services Plan, explaining that in March, 1992, Supervisor Jim Gonzalez formed a senior citizens plan task force and charged the Task Force to hold neighborhood meetings, to do studies and present to the Board of Supervisors a written strategic plan on the projected service needs for seniors over a 5 year period through 1999. The recommendations will form a greater collaboration with City agencies. Over 23% of the San Francisco senior citizen population is defined as 55 and over and their needs are growing. Some of the major needs and goals for seniors are:

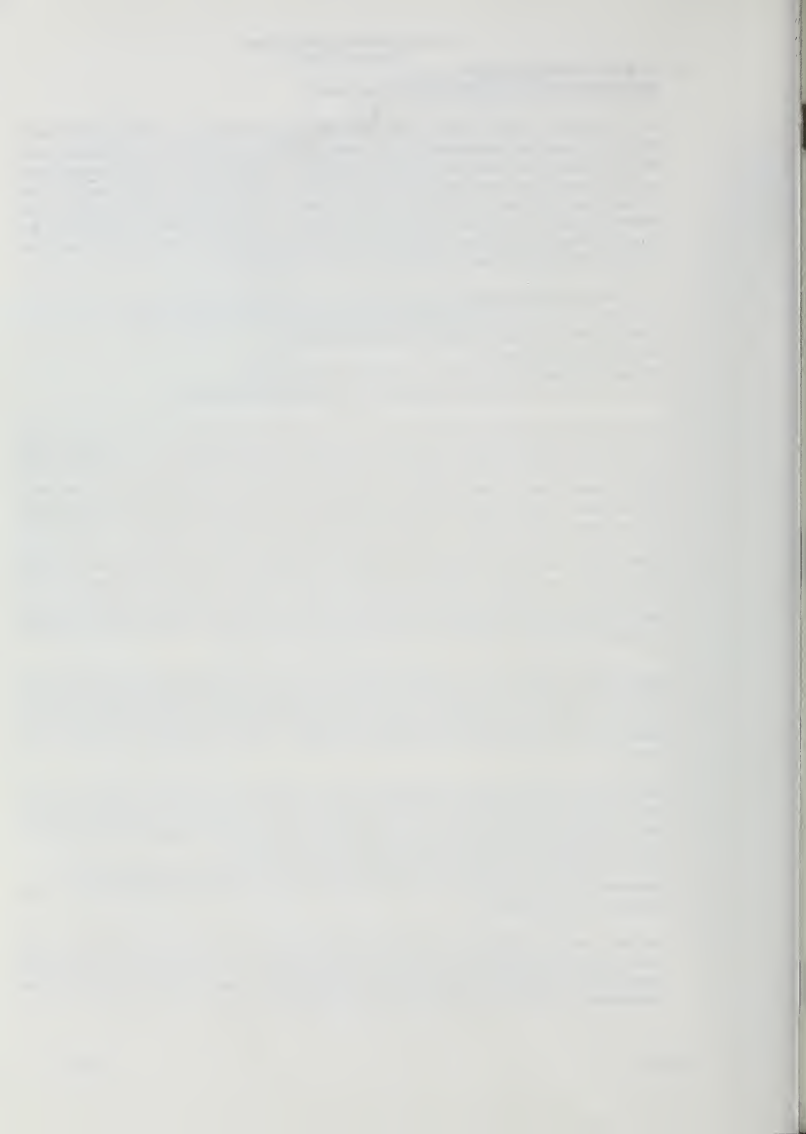
- Better access to information and available services from agencies such as Department of Social Services, Recreation and Park Department, health programs, etc.
- Improved health care through prevention programs
- Unmet housing needs
- Need for reliable, affordable, accessible and safe transit
- Need for better security and safety on the streets or in their homes

Six community meetings were held throughout the City with participants from over 1200 seniors and service providers, department heads, commissioners, and members of the Board of Supervisors. The concept is to locally offer access to information so that seniors do not have to go to each particular City agency to become informed about programs. Collaboration between all the service providers and all City departments is necessary for the success of this program. The Task Force has met with the Mayor who has given conceptual approval of the program and offered to be of assistance. The Health Commission recently endorsed the plan and meetings are soon scheduled with the Commission on Aging, Social Services Commission, Housing Authority, Police Commission, and Parking and Traffic Commission. Some of the service providers are concerned that once the Senior Centers are formed their budgets will be reduced, however, the plan is to offer more efficient services for seniors.

**Sandy Mori**, co-chair of the Senior Services Task Force, explained that the Task Force divided the City into 10 geographic areas that have between 15,000-20,000 seniors to reflect the high concentration of seniors. The placement of the Senior Centers will be determined by the geographic neighborhood areas. "Senior Centrals" must meet three criteria:

- ① To be the central point of information, have access to a computer system and an information referral system. The Commission on Aging will be the lead agency for the plan. Seniors are not required to go to the facility that is in their neighborhood because it is very important for seniors to self determine for themselves.
- ② To coordinate volunteers in the neighborhood to get involved in the senior center.
- ③ Assess the needs of seniors who come to the Senior Central and refer them to various services or City agencies.

Ms. Mori said the program is to prevent seniors from becoming frail to the point that they have to go to an institution and to get them involved at an earlier age as a form of prevention. Prevention services are less expensive than being in an institution. Recreation and Park is one of the City agencies that can assist in this process.



## 5. SENIOR SERVICES PLAN PRESENTATION TO COMMISSION (Continued)

Mr. Blumlein said the projected start-up cost for each Senior Central is approximately \$15,000. He felt that the bulk of funds can be received from foundations and corporations in the Bay Area. The Senior Centrals will be phased in as follows: five in the first year; two in the second year; three in the third year. It is estimated that the operating cost per Senior Central will be \$130,000 per year. The total cost when all ten Senior Centrals are open will be approximately \$1.3 Million per year. The Task Force is hoping to raise funds through the State Commission on Aging, the Older American Act, some of the more affluent seniors may make contributions from time-to-time, and an increase in the percentage of the off-street parking tax which now goes to the Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Ruiz thanked the members of the Task Force for the time and effort they have given on this project and noted that they have invested a significant amount of time, and energy to develop this program.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. 16944

**WHEREAS**, The twenty-one member San Francisco Senior Services Plan Task Force, created by the Board of Supervisors in 1992 and including seven City Departments providing services to seniors, has developed a Strategic Plan for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, The Senior Services Plan Task Force has convened a series of public hearings in five neighborhoods and will appear before seven Commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, The Planning process was a collaborative effort with seniors, service providers, advocates, and City Departments to assure older San Franciscans will have access to a continuum of services; therefore be it

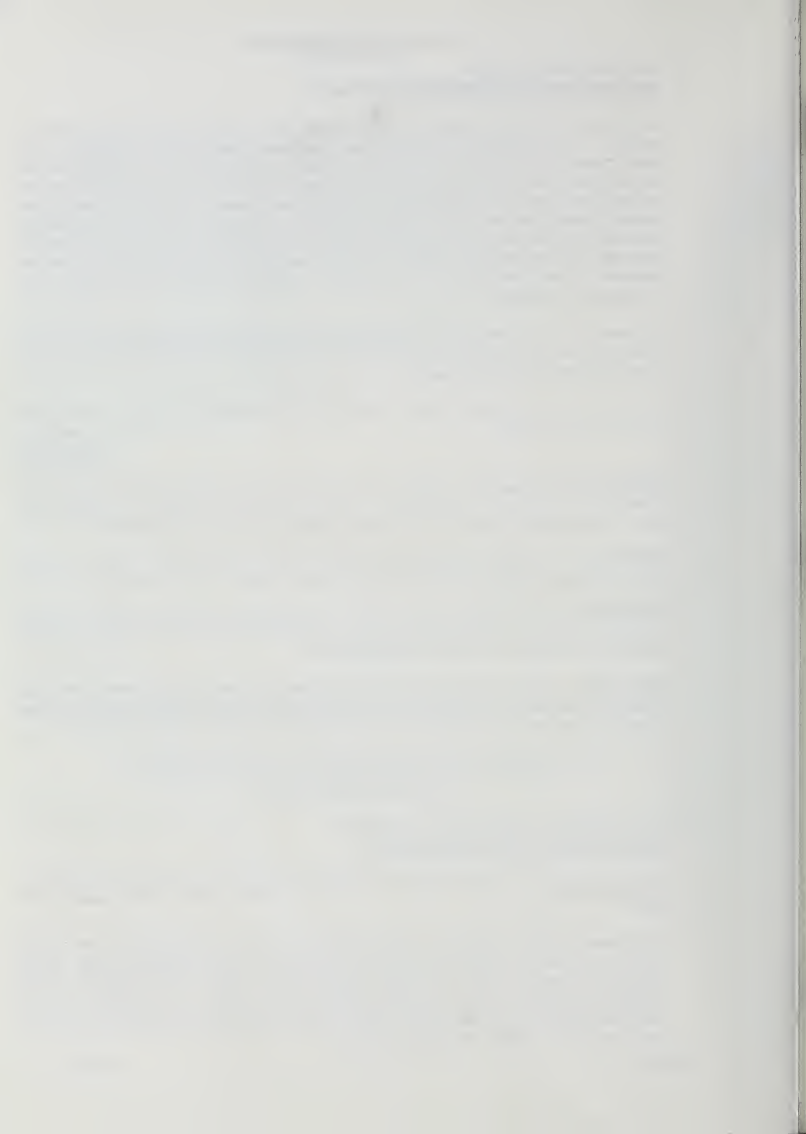
**RESOLVED**, That the Recreation and Park Commission and the Recreation and Park Department support the concepts in the proposed plan, which would promote and work towards an integrated, coordinated, consumer-oriented system of senior services.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioner Sommer*

## 6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS AVIAN CONSERVATION CENTER PLAN

Conceptual approval of San Francisco Zoological Society's Avian Conservation Center Plan.

**Zoo Director, David Anderson**, explained that the Avian Conservation Center will be built on the joint use site at the Zoo, at the base of Herbst Road and is part of the mitigation measures from the Infrastructure Bond project. Construction of the infrastructure improvements will begin in 1995-96 and staging for construction will occur along the Fleishacker side of the Zoo. Some of the construction is anticipated to interfere with some of the exhibits where birds are held.



**6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**  
**AVIAN CONSERVATION CENTER PLAN (Continued)**

This complex will house the current avian conservation birds and any birds that are displaced by construction. The center will consist of an administration building, and a large number of holding enclosures for the birds, from small enclosures for small birds to the very large enclosures that will hold birds such as storks or California condors. Two-thirds of the funding will come from the mitigation funds from the Infrastructure Bond and the balance of funds will come from the Zoological Society. The project will be phased in two parts. The first phase will include the administration building and the enclosures; the second phase will be for the condor, stork, and large bird enclosure. The design of the building will blend with California coastal architecture. The administration building is closest to the forested area to take advantage of the sunlight during the Winter and Summer. It is a two story building with a kitchen facility, offices, and library.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16945**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission conceptually approves the San Francisco Zoological Society's Avian Conservation Center Plan.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:*

*Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Im mendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz*

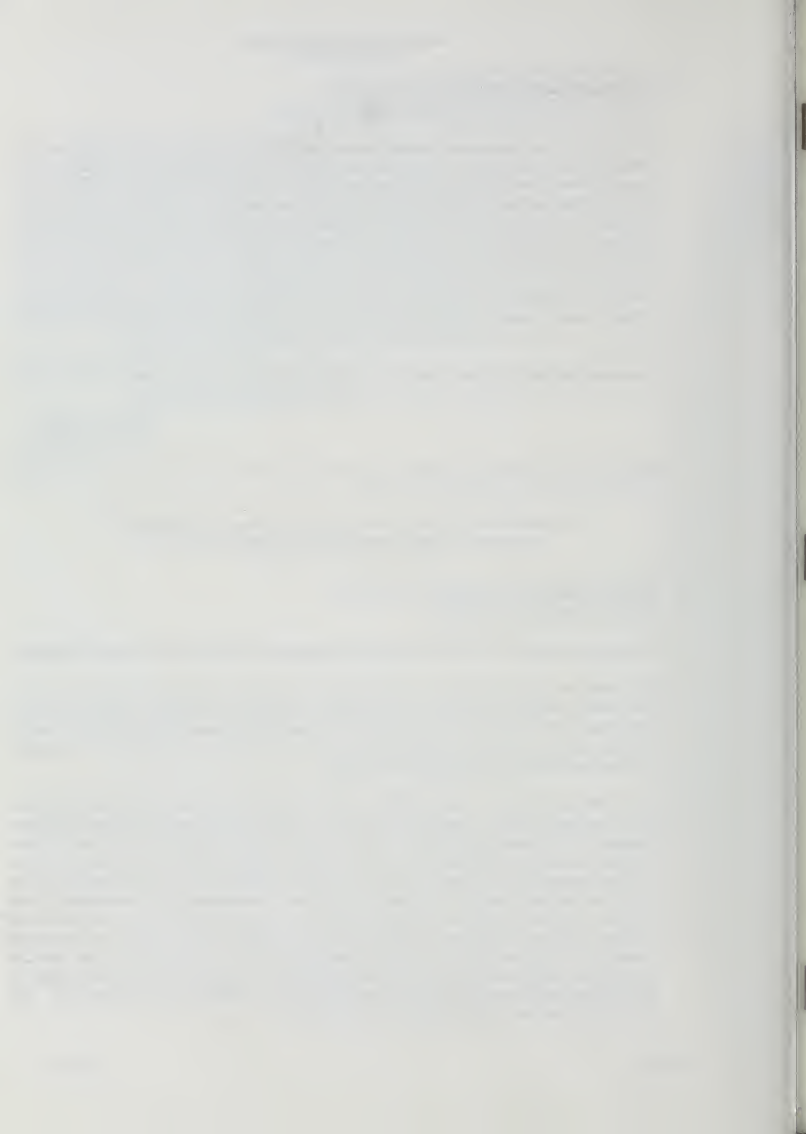
*Absent: Commissioner Sommer*

**7. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**  
**SOUTH AMERICAN GATEWAY**

Conceptual approval of the San Francisco Zoological Society's South American Gateway.

**Zoo Director, David Anderson**, explained that the South American Gateway will be the first major exhibit for the Zoo. Construction will begin in March, 1995 and will be completed within a year. The location of the new exhibit is on the site of the current Monkey Island. The monkey island exhibit will be removed and the area will be expanded for placement of the South American Gateway.

The Gateway, which is a large exhibit, will be accessed from the plaza area as well as from the South gate. There will be an entry walkway with special tropical plantings, graphics, and interactive devices so that people have an understanding that they are entering the South American area. The exhibit complex will have a South American tropical seasonal forest, a large, open area, about 15,000 sq. ft. with mixed species. The barrier of the exhibit will be a simulated river bank, a mud wall. It is comprised of rock work that will be 8' height to retain the animals. The animals will be a combination of reptiles, birds and mammals, including the tapir, capybara, some howler monkeys, and tamarins. There will also be a South American cloud forest area for birds and an underwater viewing area for large South American fish. The walkways takes the visitor to the existing lower lake which will be improved with the addition of more water fowl. The area will be wooden and will appear more like a pier.



**7. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**  
**SOUTH AMERICAN GATEWAY (Continued)**

There will be an off-exhibit housing area accessible to the public so that visitors can go behind the scenes and see the food preparation and holding quarters. The entrance into the exhibit will be a simulated South American village with a very large glass wall to act as a barrier for the animals and to give a clear viewing of the island complex. As one walks through the exhibit there will be a second area, the aviary that will reach a height of 24'. It is a large complex (9,000 sq. ft.) and the Zoo expects to house a large number of bird species. There will also be off exhibit areas for storage, food preparation, and office facilities for the staff.

President Immendorf was excited about this project and complimented staff. Commissioner Rovetti also expressed support for the many projects planned for the Zoo.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16946**

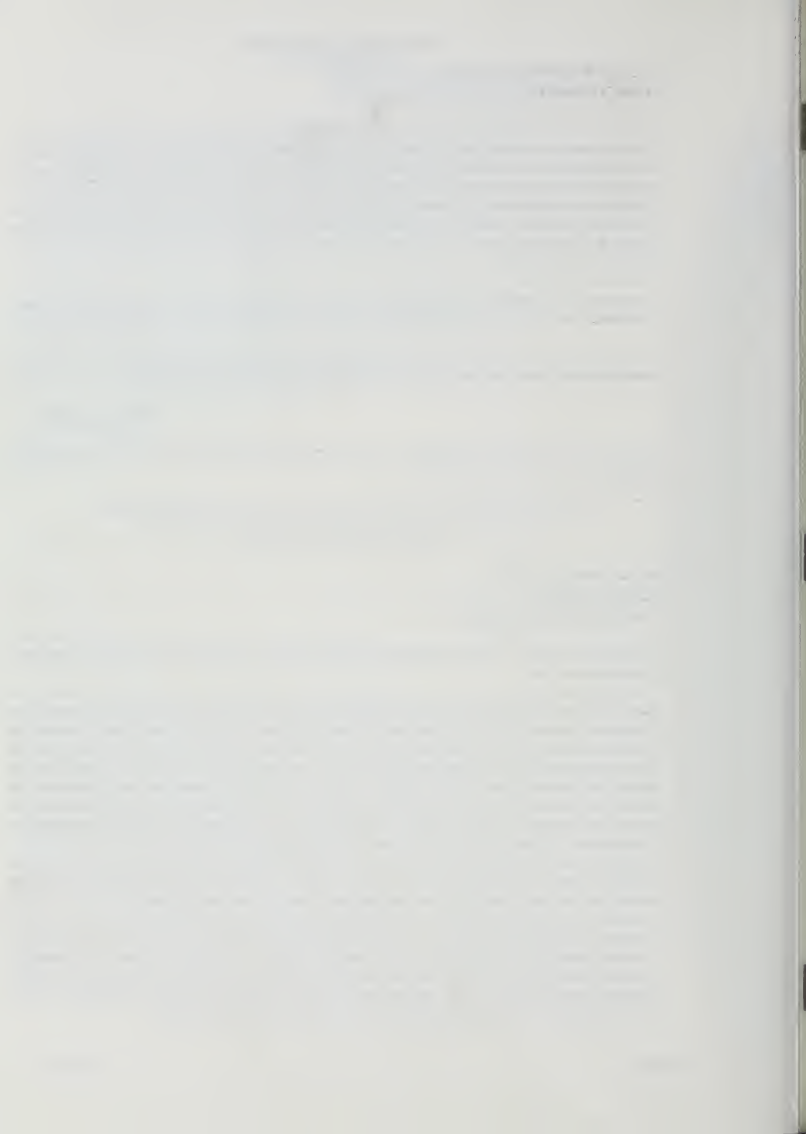
**RESOLVED**, That this Commission conceptually approves the San Francisco Zoological Society's South American Gateway.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioner Sommer*

**8. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**BEACH CHALET**  
**RESTORATION PROJECT**

Approval of Beach Chalet restoration project Phase II (Federal Grant Bond Project) in Golden Gate Park.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, displayed a site plan showing the Beach Chalet and explained that the Chalet received more than \$1 Million in infrastructure improvements in 1986, however, it did not complete all of the necessary work. In years past, staff has put the Beach Chalet out to bid hoping to find a concessionaire who would complete the additional improvements which include disabled access, an elevator, and completion of restrooms. In the past, the prospective tenants were not able to secure financing to allow them to complete these basic improvements and operate a viable concession. Fortunately, a grant has been secured through the Inter Modal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), and funds from the 1992 Golden Gate Park Bond to complete disabled access improvements and interior finishes. The plan is to place ramps that will come into the main portico of the building and another that will extend to the back of the building for emergency egress. The interior improvements will complete the restrooms and the elevator has now been relocated toward the back of the building which will cause minimal impact since the Chalet is a landmark building. The grant funds will be primarily used for the first floor which is slated for visitor services as well as lighting and pathway access to the building. The second floor will be used for a future concession. The concessionaire will have to provide funds to complete the second floor.





**8. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
BEACH CHALET  
RESTORATION PROJECT (Continued)**

In response to Commissioner Chan's questions, Ms. Learner said that this project will not affect the prospective tenant. However, staff is working with the prospective tenant to make sure that everything is coordinated with the proposed tenant improvements. The Master Plan for Golden Gate Park references a plan for a possible outdoor sculpture area outside the Beach Chalet. Ms. Learner explained that the bids for the Beach Chalet have been returned and staff is in the process of analyzing them.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16947**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the Beach Chalet restoration project Phase II (Federal Grant 1992 Infrastructure Bond Project) in Golden Gate Park.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioner Sommer*

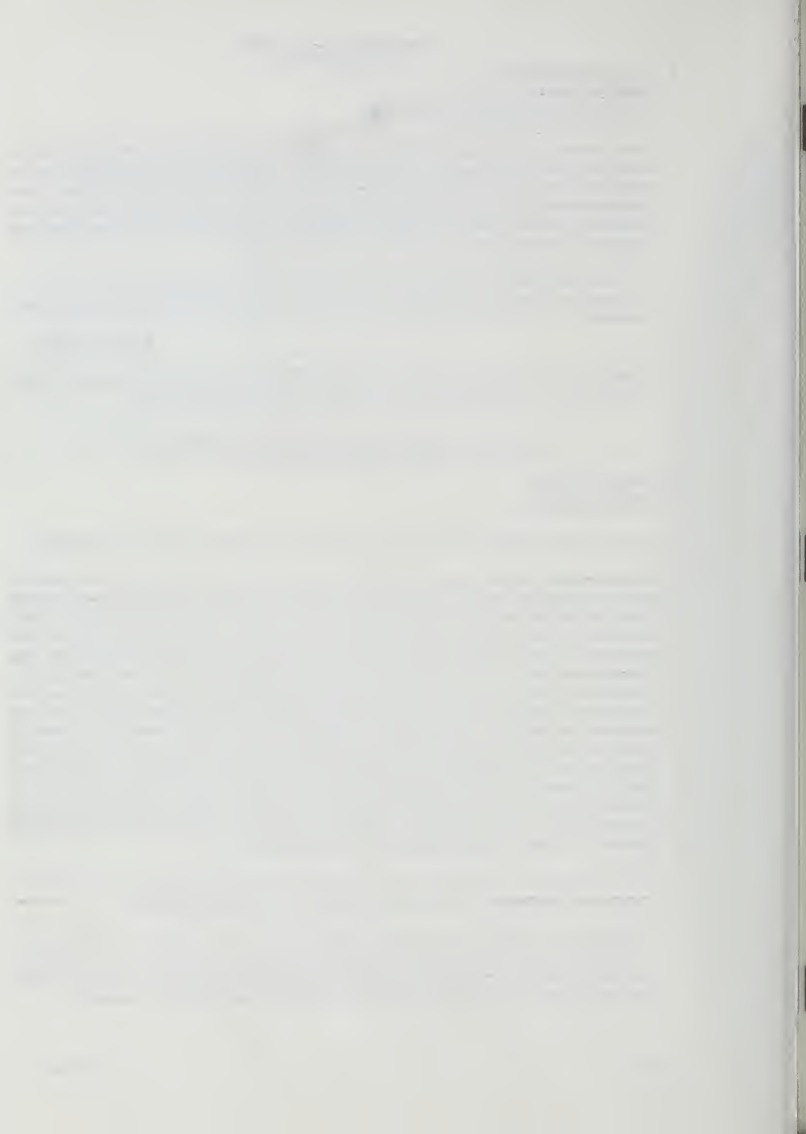
**9. UNION SQUARE  
SHADOW IMPACT**

Consideration of shadow impact of the proposed 216 Stockton Street on Union Square.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that this item was reviewed at the Committee level and since that time there has been a more up-to-date memorandum outlining the scope of the project. By way of background, Ms. Learner explained that a sign is being proposed in the vicinity of Union Square. In previous action, the Commission had considered another sign and, at that time, the provisions of the City's Shadow Ordinance dictated that parks in the downtown area of San Francisco have what is known as a "shadow budget" and only so much additional shadow has been determined to be allowed for certain parks. The previous sign occupied all but 1/4000th of one percent of additional shadow on Union Square. This gave only a sliver of amount of additional shadow that could be permitted on Union Square. A new sign has now been proposed which will cast an additional 3 thousands of a percentage of additional shadow on the park. This translates to one thousands over the "shadow budget" that was approved for Union Square. The staff position is that this sign would create an impact because it is over the shadow limit established for this park. However, the shadow determinations are done on a computer program and there is a margin of error.

The City Planning Department has considered this additional shadow to be diminuous and of no consequence or merit and is prepared to recommend approval.

In response to President Immendorf's comment, Ms. Learner said the Commission may consider the fact that the computer program does allow for a margin of error. In addition, the shadow is for a limited time period and would fall on the park for 3-1/4 months a year and would leave the park before 9:30 a.m. It is a very small amount of shadow.



**9. UNION SQUARE**  
**SHADOW IMPACT** (Continued)

**Michael Burke**, representing Mr. Lou Sneider, the individual who would like to place a Sony videotron sign on the roof of 216 Stockton Street building, displayed a photograph of Union Square depicting the proposed placement of the sign. The proposal is to install a jumbotron to fill the gap between two adjoining buildings. The impact of the sign would fit within the error factor of the computer study. He felt that there was not substantial evidence to support the finding that the sign would cast a shadow since the shadow is for a limited time of year, and only occurs early in the morning. He urged the Commission to render a decision that there would be no significant impact from the proposed sign.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16948**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission finds the shadow impact of the proposed sign to be placed on 216 Stockton Street constitutes insignificant shading on Union Square and is within the approved criteria.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz Absent: Commissioner Sommer*

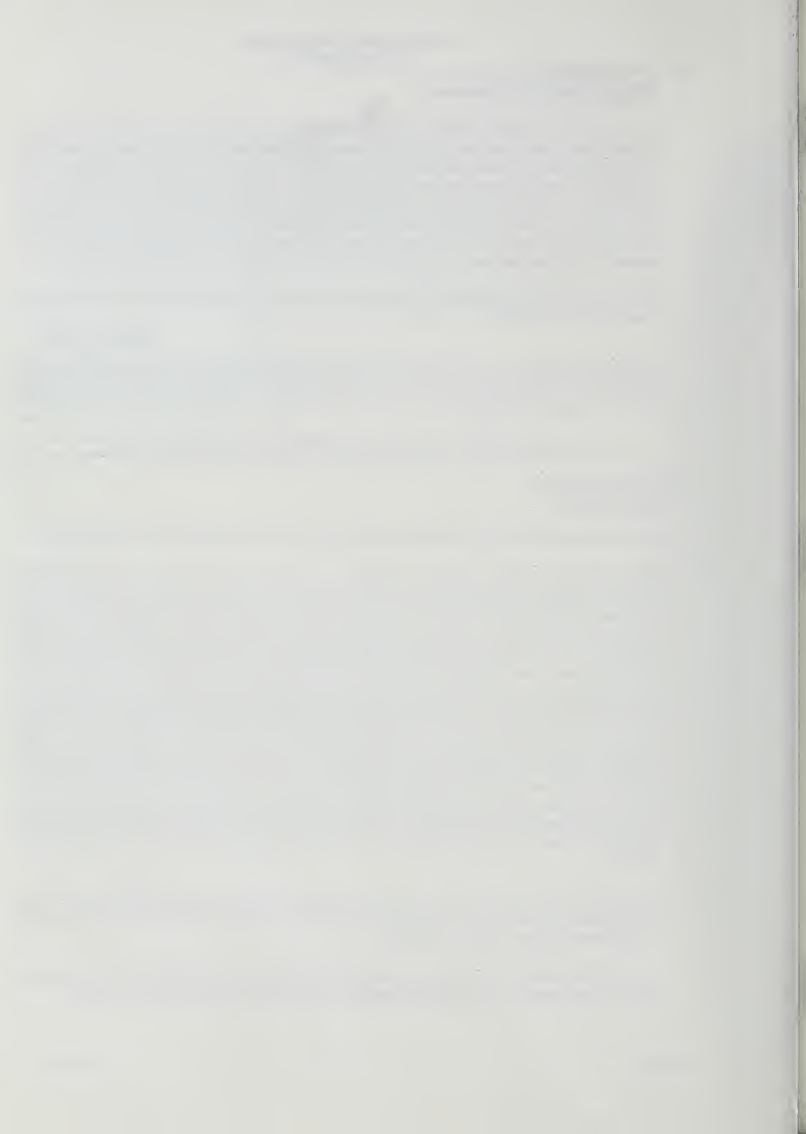
**10. PRECITA PARK**  
**RENOVATION**

Approval of proposed west end improvements and new pedestrian path at Precita Park.

**Park Planner, Joanne Wilson**, explained that the item before the Commission is approval of the conceptual plan for Precita Park. Ms. Wilson displayed a drawing of the proposed pathway along the southern edge of the park and other improvements on the west end of the park. These improvements include security lighting (2 or 3 light standards near the MUNI bus stop), a new courtyard, a seating area, new benches, new bollards, steps, new picnic tables, and the proposed pathway that can be accessed from the northwest corner of the park or from the southwest corner to provide disabled access to the rest of the park. The Urban Forestry Division has been performing some of tree work and has replaced some of the 60-70 year old trees which were at the end of their life cycle and in a declining state. In addition, these trees had root problems from being planted adjacent to retaining walls and curbs. The new trees are being planted and placed 8' from the curbs and retaining walls. This project will be funded through the Open Space Program and approximately \$65,000 has been banked to date for this project. The cost estimate is \$210,000 which does not include fees from the Department of Public Works. Several community meetings were held on this plan and she recommended approval.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Ms. Wilson said the Department of Public Works' planning and design fees are approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000, and construction management will be 20,000 to \$25,000.

On recommendation of Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:



**10. PRECITA PARK  
RENOVATION (Continued)**

RES. NO. 16949

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the west end improvements and new pedestrian path at Precita Park.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioner Sommer*

**11. GLEN CANYON PARK  
ROPES COURSE RELOCATION**

Approval to relocate the ropes course at Glen Canyon Park.

**Park Planner, Joanne Wilson**, displayed diagrams that showed the rope apparatus and explained that the ropes course is an activity that has occurred at Glen Canyon Park since 1985. It is part of the 4H Wilderness Program sponsored by the San Francisco Police Department Adventure Program and also the Urban Pioneer Program at McAteer High School. The ropes course is currently divided into 2 sections, one that has low elements located east of the tennis courts and a high elements course located north of the recreation center. When the ropes course is operational, the participants set up life line ropes. Those who use the high ropes cannot see what is going on at the low elements and vise versa, which creates a safety and theft problem. There would be no cost to the Department to relocate the ropes course. Staff recommended approval.

**Wayne MacDonald**, supported the relocation of the course and was concerned about the safety aspect on the ropes course.

**Colin Beardsley**, supported the relocation of the ropes course and spoke about the safety issue. He discussed a very dangerous incident when one of the trees fell on the course.

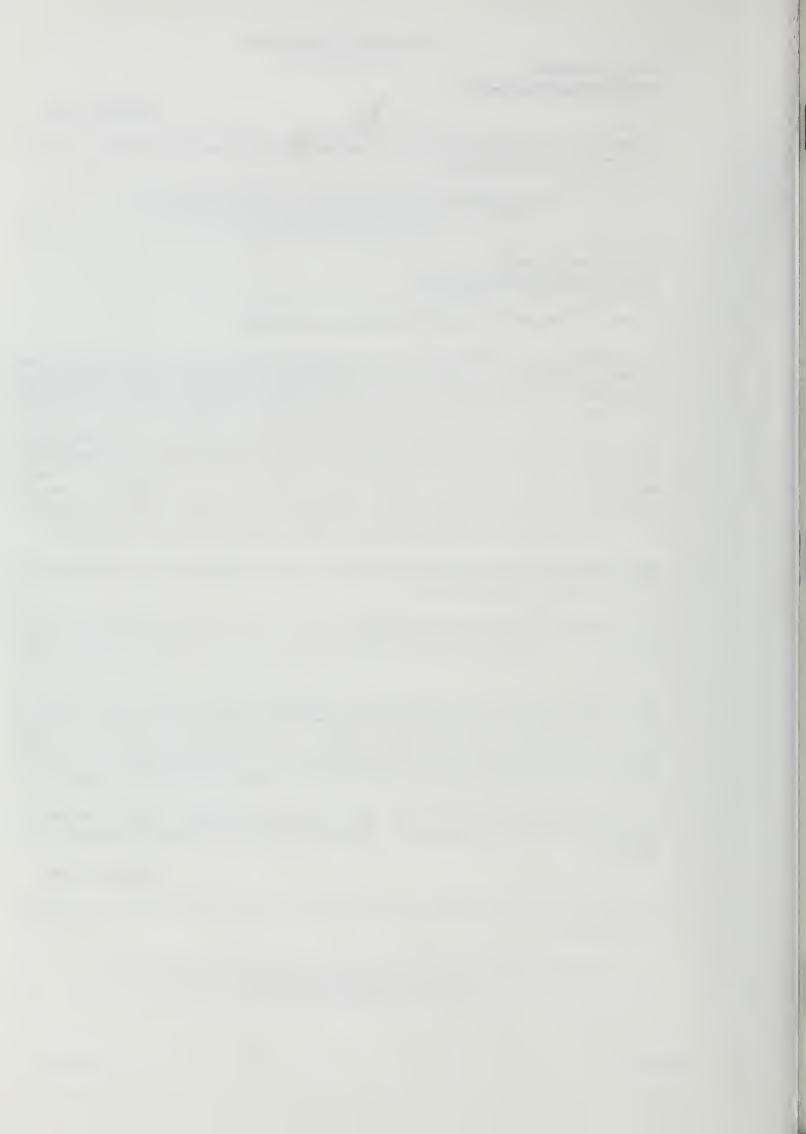
**Walt Scott**, a police officer, and part of the Wilderness Program, said the rope course is an important activity in their program which builds individual confidence, team work and trust among young teens and police officers. The program which has over 1000 participants is used as practice for backpacking and river rafting adventures. He said the ropes course would be much more efficient if it was moved to the proposed location.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16950

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the relocation of the ropes course at Glen Canyon Park.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioner Sommer*



## 12. MARINA GREEN MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Consideration of the request from the National Football League/San Francisco 49ers to stage an event at the Marina Green on September 3, 4, 5, 1994.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that the Commission was being asked to approve a multiple day event to be held at the Marina Green on September 3-5, 1994. This event is being proposed by the National Football League (NFL) and the San Francisco 49ers. It is an event that is designed to celebrate the opening of the NFL season and is called the NFL Kick Off Weekend. This event is a family style festival. Last year the event was held in Washington, D.C., on the mall. This year the event will be featured on ABC's Monday Night Football. San Francisco was chosen to host the event out of the 27 cities that applied.

The promoters would like to use the Marina Green area because it provides the City's most recognizable and scenic attractions, the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and the San Francisco Bay. This event is in great demand throughout the country and the City is fortunate to have been chosen to host this event.

The festival portion of the event is a series of interactive games and activities that are family oriented to give football fans and the casual observer an opportunity to actively participate in some of the games related to the NFL. The event is free, and the promoters expect a possible maximum attendance of 30,000 during the two day period.

The promoters would like to erect a fence around the activities for 3 reasons: ① to act as a windbreak to protect equipment, ② to designate entry and egress points to the event, and ③ to contain sound within the event. Staff feels that the promoters are very sensitive to the community's concerns and will work with staff to host events that are well done. There will be no commercial advertisements on the fence and all sound will conform to the existing sound regulations for the Marina Green. Any use of amplified sound outside of the existing regulations will be done at a low volume or with equipment that is 10 watts or less and does not require a sound permit. The only reason sound would be used outside of the existing sound policy would be for emergency announcements. There will be no blow-ups or balloons of commercial advertising during the event. A janitorial firm will be hired to clean during and after the event to keep the area tidy. The promoters will off-load from the parking lot so as to not damage the Green and will use a light fork lift to move the equipment from the paved area onto the grassy area. The promoter will offer transportation to underprivileged children to the event and will work with the Police Department to conform to the existing ordinances and traffic restrictions on Marina Blvd. Mr. Robinson said the letter outlines a proposed list of set-up and take-down for the event. This is a unique event that will enhance the possibility of the City being able to host a Super Bowl. The country will be watching this event and staff feels that they will be able to work with the promoters to mitigate the impact on the community.





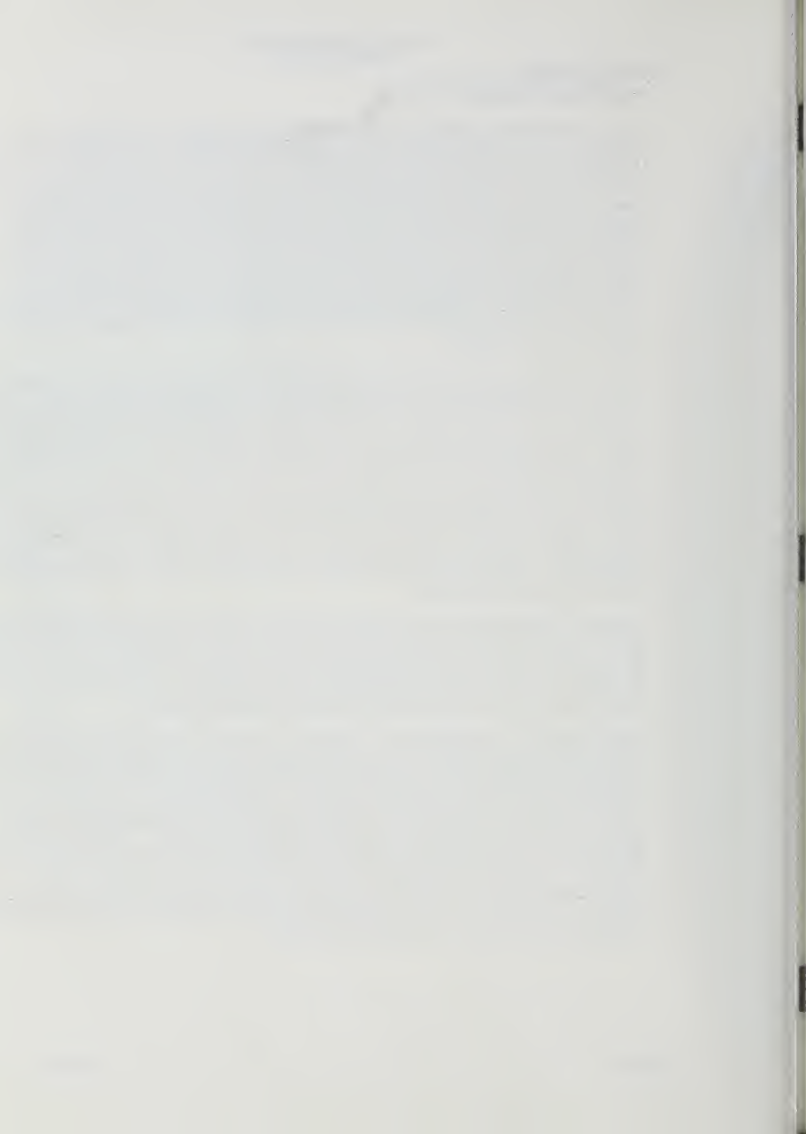
**12. MARINA GREEN**  
**MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)**

**Janette Barroca**, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, said she just learned of this event this morning and understood that the application was received by the Department on July 13, 1994. She felt an event of this size should not be handled this way and that it was being pushed through the approval process. This event will take place during Labor Day weekend and the boaters are also enjoying the Labor Day weekend. She reminded the Commission that the Marina Green is a small area in the City and crowds impact the area. The Fort Mason Foundation also has a planned event for the Labor Day weekend which will attract 3000 per day. There will be a major impact from this event and she felt that there were other suitable sites in the City such as Kezar Stadium or McLaren Park. She also suggested that high school football fields could be utilized for this event and felt that the Marina Green was not the place for this type of event.

**Patricia Vaughney**, explained that she only learned the details of this event this morning and said the neighbors were only made aware of it in a passing comment made at a meeting held in the Mayor's Office. She had spoken to an individual associated with the event who said that he had been working with the Department for 6 months on this project. She questioned why they were not informed about this event in a timely fashion. She wondered why the event needed to be held on a grassy area when it was held on the Washington Mall last year. She suggested using Civic Center, Kezar Stadium, or the Polo Fields and resented not being consulted about the event. She noted that the Fort Mason parking lot will be filled because of an event being held there and said that underprivileged children will not be aware of this event unless it is held in their neighborhood. She was opposed to fencing and asked if alcohol was being served and if local merchants were being used.

**Jack Kaus**, representing the St. Francis Yacht Club, said he, too, learned of this event this morning, and said the Club has an annual event with approximately 150 boats that will be coming into the area on September 2, 3, 4, 5, 1994. He anticipated about 750 competitors and 300 people associated with those competitors. The St. Francis Yacht Club parking lot will be closed for this event and it will impact the area.

**Emeric Kalman**, a berthholder and resident of the City, said the Marina Green is sustained by the berth holders and he was only aware of this event because he is on the Commission's notification list. He said that the berth holders pay for the maintenance of the Marina Green and are not aware of this event. The Marina Green was granted by the State to the City provided that no part of said property was set apart, assigned or leased to any corporation or association the object of which is for profit. This event will be organized by a professional sporting team for profit and he felt that it violated the terms of the grant. He asked the Commission to reject any mega events on the Marina Green. If approval was granted he asked that any income from this event be earmarked for maintenance of the Marina. He was against berth holders having to subsidize this event noting they just received a 30% increase in their fees.



**12. MARINA GREEN****MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)**

President Immendorf explained that he recently met with a delegation of Marina Green residents with the Mayor's Chief of Staff. One of the purposes of that meeting was to make the neighborhood aware of proposed events. Unfortunately, more than 2 hours of that meeting was devoted to topics relating to the Marina, such as breakwaters and enforced parking. President Immendorf said he gave his word to form a committee or designate a point person to coordinate all of the events held at Fort Mason, Marina Green, the 2 Yacht Clubs, the Exploratorium, the Presidio and any other organization that stages events in this area of the City. He explained that the NFL spent much time looking at different areas in the City such as Golden Gate Park and Justin Herman Plaza, but wanted to showcase the City at the Marina Green setting. He enumerated the particulars of the event: it will be free and the fence will have no public advertising. He noted that fences have been placed at other parks such as Civic Center and Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. He recommended approval of this request and that the promoter is very responsible.

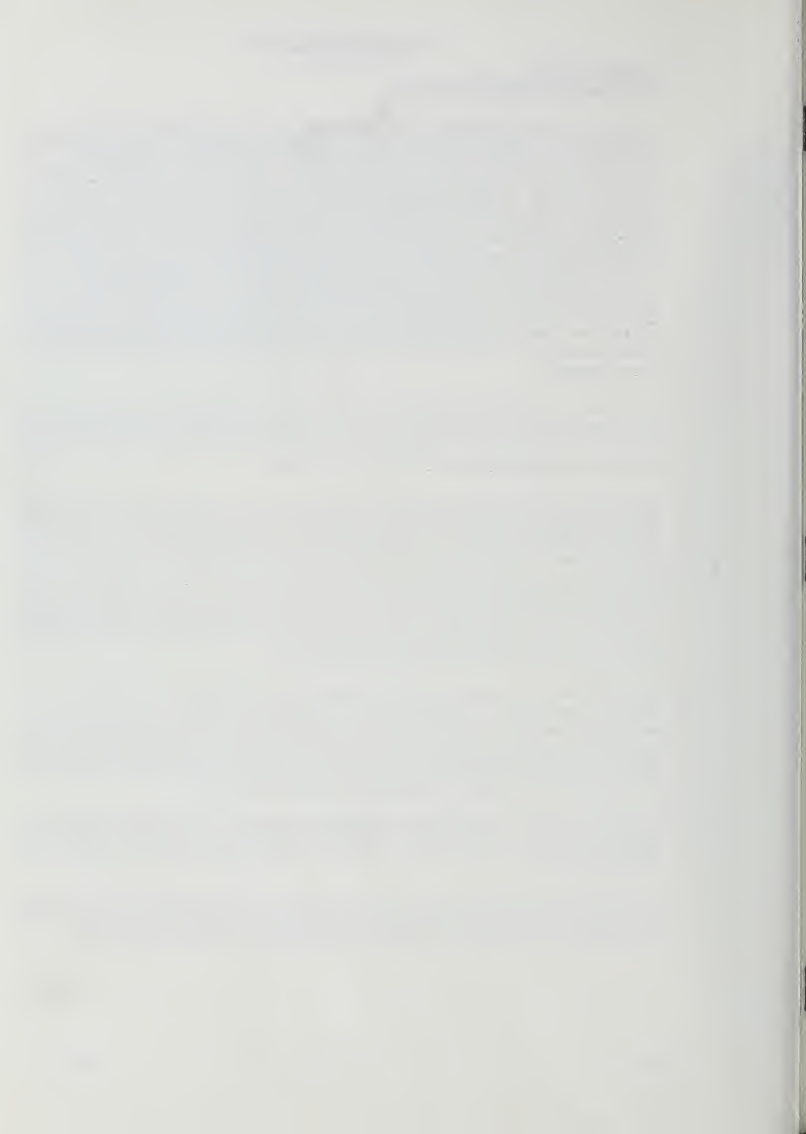
Commissioner Rovetti spoke about this item as a San Franciscan and said this event will be a great opportunity to showcase the City. He explained that he, too, recently learned of this event and asked if staff knew of this event over 6 months ago. President Immendorf explained that such a statement was untrue.

Commissioner Ruiz said the last major event held on the Marina Green was the Fleet Week celebration and asked if there were any problems associated with this event which drew approximately 60,000. Mr. Robinson explained that the Marina Green was left clean and there was no major damage. President Immendorf said there were complaints that the clean-up was not done as quickly as it should have been done. As Chair of the 1994 Fleet Week Celebration he said the operations will be moved to Crissy Field and the sale of alcohol on the Marina Green will not be permitted. Mr. Robinson said that based on experience from the Fleet Week event, staff is asking the promoter to provide a janitorial service *during* this event and at the end of the event.

Commissioner Chan asked what other activities are scheduled for these days. Mr. Robinson said that the Department had contacted Fort Mason and found that two applications have been made for the Labor Day weekend. One of the application is a sports memorabilia event that has been held in the past with a projected attendance of 2,000 per day, but a permit has not been issued. There is a 50% chance that this event will be held and but neither of the applications have been returned.

President Immendorf recognized the legitimate concerns of the Marina residents and pledged his attempt to work with a committee to coordinate the number of events being held at the Marina.

Vice President Mazzola thought the event sounded exciting and was pleased that San Francisco had been chosen. He urged the promoters to consider San Francisco firms when staging and setting up this event such as fencing work and janitorial services.



**12. MARINA GREEN**  
**MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16951**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request from the National Football League/San Francisco 49ers to stage an event at the Marina Green on September 3, 4, 5, 1994.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioner Sommer*

**4:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. the Commission recessed. Commissioner Ruiz left the meeting.**

**13. CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**MVP MENU AND MERCHANDISE PRICES**

Ratification of MVP menu and merchandise prices for the 1994 baseball season.

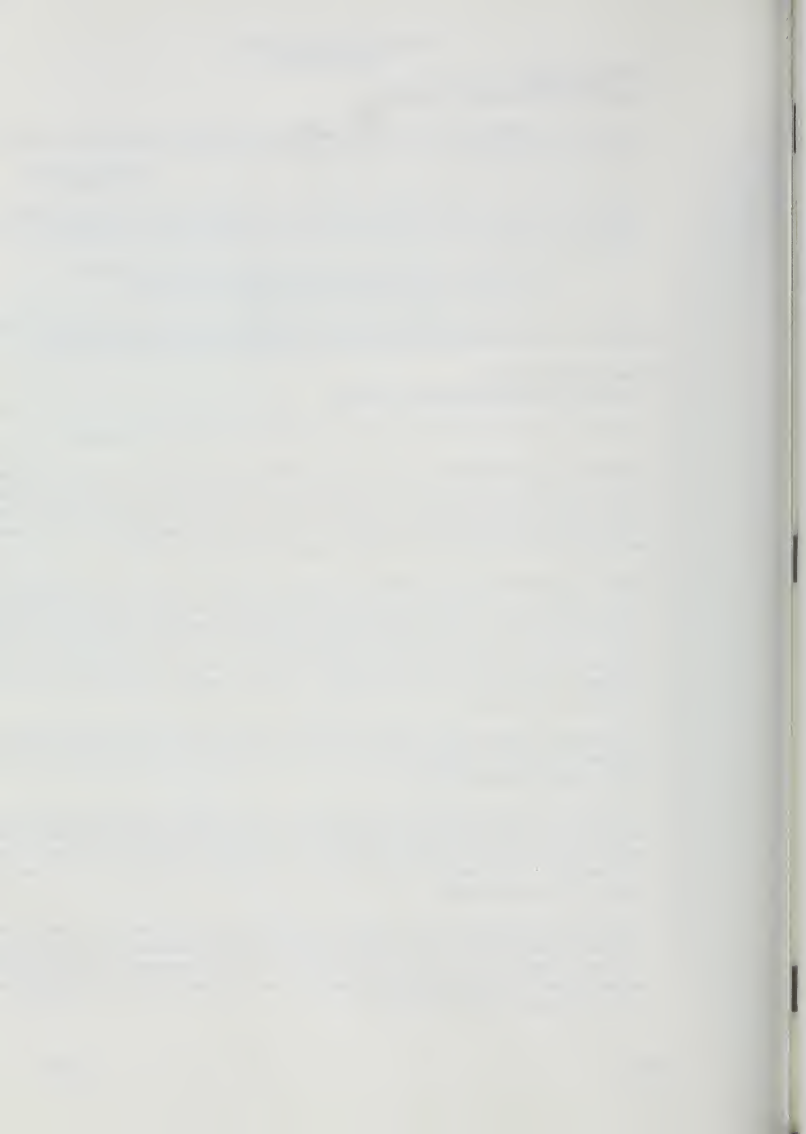
**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that this year the concessionaire tried an experiment with the delivery of food and merchandise items for the MVP section (lower reserved section between 1st and third base). At the time, Volume Services had not established a final menu and asked for a time period to experiment with the menu with the understanding that they would seek approval of a finalized menu.

Volume Services has now established a menu for food, beverage and merchandise items. Staff has not received any complaints about this program and has received compliments about it. At the Committee level one question was raised relating to the 15% service charge which is automatically added to the bill. The 15% service charge goes to Volume Services which allocates an additional \$1.37 per hour to each of the 70 employees who work in the MVP section. The base wage is \$7.05 and the MVP employees receive \$8.42.

Commissioner Rovetti said he asked one of the servers about this 15% service charge and was told that he received nothing. Mr. Arnold explained that the employees of the MVP section receive a premium.

Commissioner Mazzola said that Volume Services has a collective bargaining agreement with Local 2. Volume Services took over the contract in 1993 and these employees may not be covered under the current agreement since the MVP service only began in the 1994 season. Vice President Mazzola asked that wording be printed on the bill stating that the 15% is not a gratuity.

Commissioner Rovetti felt that the items should be priced based on their actual costs rather than adding a 15% service charge. He asked why the Commission was approving this item if it did not receive any revenues from the food and beverage items. Mr. Arnold explained that it is a requirement of the lease that the Commission review and approve all food, beverage and merchandise items.



### 13. CANDLESTICK PARK

#### MVP MENU AND MERCHANDISE PRICES (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding the addition of a phrase that states that tips are not included. It was felt that it would be more fair to add a statement to future menus and receipts that state clearly "Tips are not included".

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RES. NO. 16952

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the following MVP menu and merchandise prices for the 1994 baseball season with the condition that the phrase "Tips Not Included" shall be printed on the MVP menus:

<b>Sandwiches &amp; Pizza</b>		<b>Dessert</b>	
Chicken Italian Sausage	\$5.25	Dryer's Grand Ice Cream Bar (vanilla almond)	\$ 3.25
Stadium Burger (1/4 lb.)	\$5.50	Fudge Brownie	\$ 3.25
McCormick & Kuleto's Crab Cake Sandwich	\$7.50		
Giant Footlong Hot Dog	\$3.75	<b>Beverages</b>	
Classic Hot Dog	\$2.50	MVP Souvenir Soda (24 oz.)	\$ 2.75
Chili Candlestick	\$4.50	Calistoga Spring Water	\$ 2.50
Noah's Sliced Bagel with lox smear	\$3.25	Anchor Steam (16 oz.)	\$ 5.25
Large Seasoned Fries	\$2.75	Budweiser (20 oz. souvenir cup)	\$ 5.00
Chicken Breast Sandwich (6 oz.)	\$6.75	Miller Lite (20 oz. souvenir cup)	\$ 5.00
		O'Douls (12 oz non-alcoholic beer)	\$ 3.75
<b>Soup &amp; Salads</b>		Fetzer Barrel Select	\$ 5.75
Chef Salad	\$6.50	Gallo Copperidge (White Zinfandel 7oz.)	\$ 3.50
McCormick & Kuleto's Clam Chowder	\$4.50	Kendall Jackson (Chardonnay 7oz.)	\$ 5.75
		Coffee (12 oz.)	\$ 1.25
		<b>MVP Merchandise</b>	
		Giants Magazine	\$ 4.00
		Giants Info Guide	\$10.00
		Pro Adjustable Wool Giants Cap	\$20.00

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:*

*Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti*

*Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer*

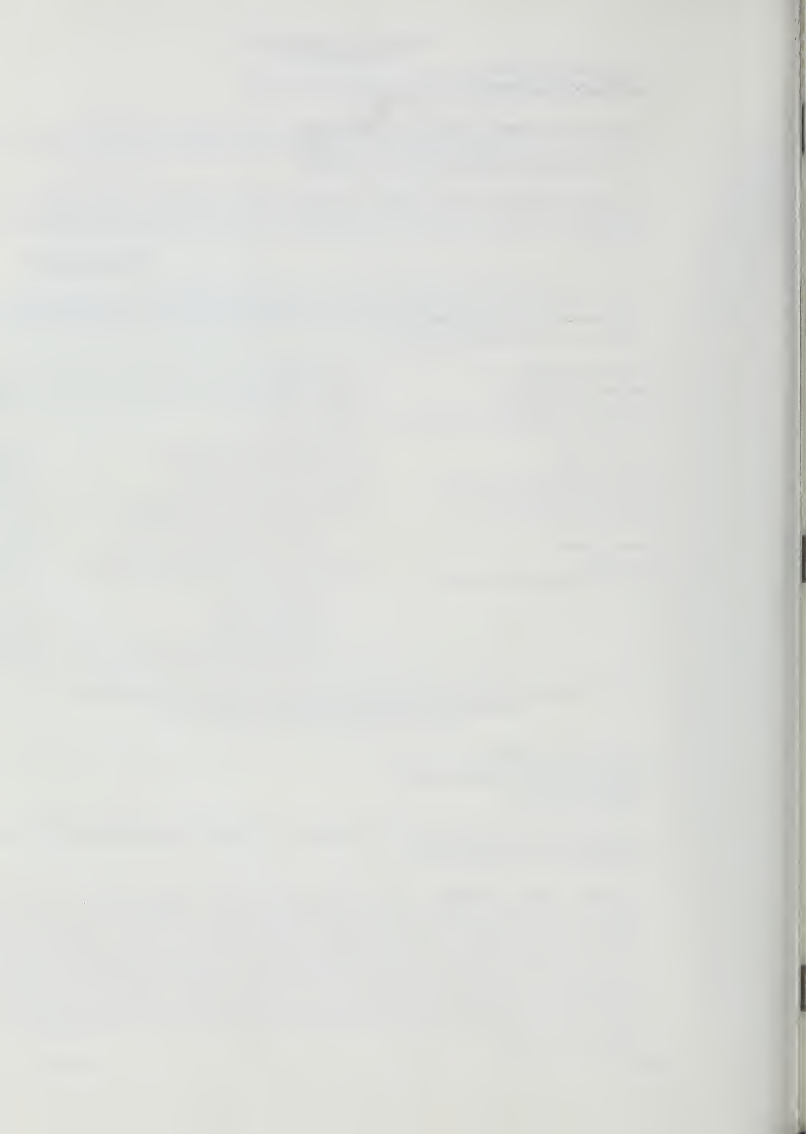
### 14. CANDLESTICK PARK

#### **SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS**

#### PARKING LOT "L"

Consideration of request from the San Francisco Forty Niners to increase the size of the "L" parking lot for football season.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Lot "L" has 710 spaces provided to 49ers for which they pay \$1600 per game. The spaces are used for employees of the 49ers, the press, players, suite holders, the Police Department and guests. The 49ers have outgrown the space and have asked for 170 more spaces in Lot "L". The lease with the 49ers permits the Commission to grant the expansion provided that they pay the prevailing parking rate on the additional spaces. Because the 49ers will pay the City for these new spaces in Lot L, the revenue impact of this proposal will be neutral. The only impact would be 170 more spaces in the "L" Lot and 170 less spaces in the main parking lot.





**14. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS  
PARKING LOT "L" (Continued)**

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16953**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the request from the San Francisco Forty Niners to increase their spaces to 880 in the "L" parking lot for football season.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti  
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer*

**15. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES  
REJECTION OF BIDS**

Consideration to reject bids received for operation of Golden Gate Park Stables.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that 2 bids were received for the operation of the Golden Gate Park Stables. Both bids presented offered very good programs and met the capital improvement requirements that were outlined in the bid package. Neither of the bids met the financial requirements of the bid package. Both of the bidders said they needed more revenue from the stables than could be provided from the bid package.

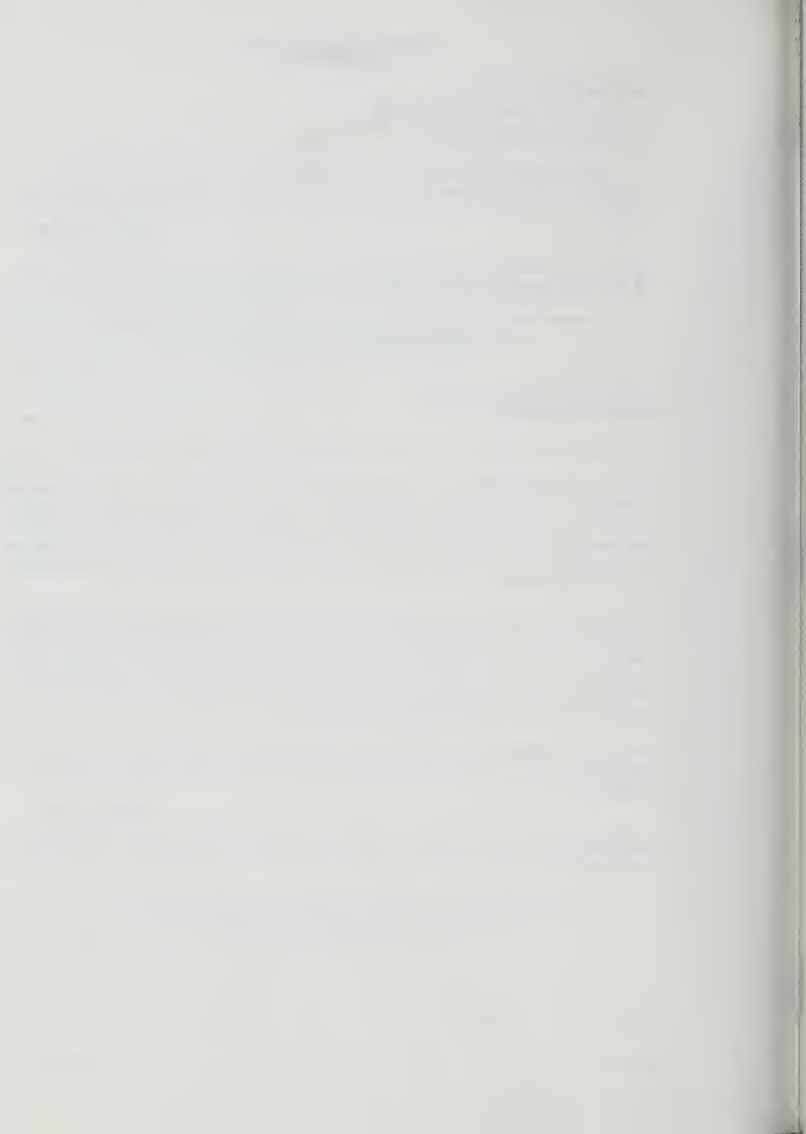
One of the bids asked for an immediate rate increase; the other bid asked for a rent credit or the City to assume the obligation to fund a portion of the capital improvements. Since neither of those options was provided in the bid package staff felt that both bids should be rejected. However, staff recognized that both bidders spent a lot of time on the bid package and presented very good programs. Staff has modified the bid package and will discuss this issue in greater detail in the next item.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16954**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission rejects bids received for operation of Golden Gate Park Stables.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti  
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer*



## 16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES BID PACKAGE

Consideration of altered minimum financial requirements for Golden Gate Park Stables bid package and reopening of bidding period for two months.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the bid for the Stables did not offer a concessionaire enough money to perform all of the capital improvements and still give an operator a decent rate of return. Therefore, staff recommended a number of changes to the bid package, primarily financial in nature. He outlined the changes:

① The bid originally required a minimum of \$50,000 in rent or 7% of the gross. Now, he proposed, as a minimum, that the first 2 years be rent free and in years 3 through 15 that there be a minimum rent of \$24,000 v \$50,000 from the previous bid package or 3% of the gross up to \$700,000 and 8% above the \$700,000.

② The bidder may propose a two-story structure. It became apparent from both of the bids that in order to accommodate the operations there may be a need to build a second story. Any new structure will match the exterior of existing structures.

③ Entertain proposals to cover the center arena. Many of the prospective bidders spoke of the need to do this to help finance the stable operation.

④ Change the exhibit map of the premise specifically on the east side of the stables. There is a drive that goes into the tunnel leading to the Polo Field that was shown as future parking. On re-evaluation of that particular area staff does not think it is suitable for parking and felt it would be intrusive on the landscape and potentially dangerous for park users.

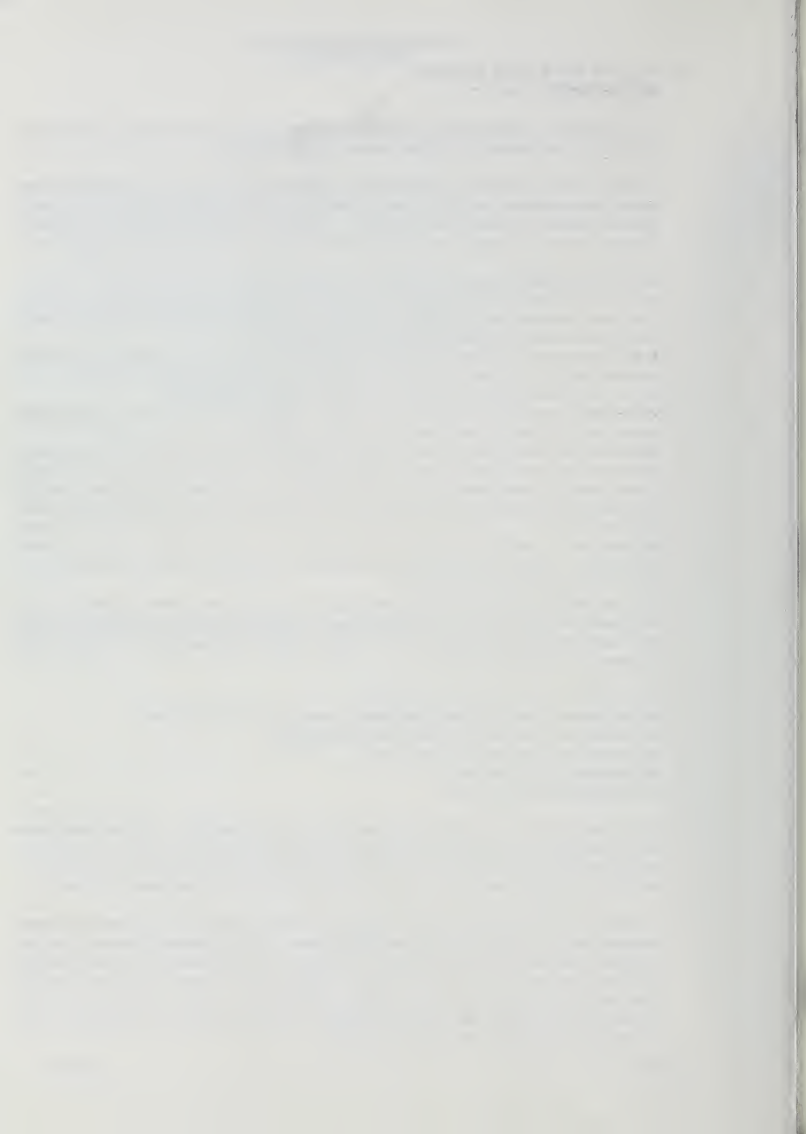
⑤ There was a financial analysis that showed rates and charges which would be appropriate. Since the financial terms have been changed the financial analysis has been removed from the bid package.

⑥ All capital improvements must be completed by the eighth year of the agreement. This suggestion was offered at the Committee level. Staff will entertain fee increase proposals only after significant completion of 3 major capital improvements. Those capital improvements are defined as:

- Completion of remaining stall upgrades
- Completion of the upgrades to the central arena and the redwood ring
- Completion of the new arena at Speedway Meadow
- Completion of the office/caretaker unit
- Completion of school barn
- Completion of the hay barn

All of these items are required improvements in the bid package. Any increase above 20% requested by concessionaire and/or provided by the Commission will trigger re-negotiation of the minimum rent. Staff is recommending a 60 day period for submittal of the bids which will hopefully bring a successful bidder to the Commission in October.

Commissioner Chan asked how the Golden Gate Park Master Plan environmental review process will be coordinated with the Stables lease. **Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that the Golden Gate Master Plan gives a general overview of improvements that are expected in the next 10-15 years. Environmental review is important because staff wants to package all of the potential improvements. In the environmental review process, the worst case scenario is presented. Once the review is completed, a very important requirement will have been satisfied.



**16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES****BID PACKAGE (Continued)**

If, for example, the Maser Plan environmental review includes an expansion of some sort of structure at the Stables, a view analysis will have been approved in advance, giving a better understanding to the potential bidders because it was included in the Master Plan and was part of the review process. Mr. Arnold said that most of the improvements have a very direct relationship to revenue. Commissioner Chan said he would like the capital improvements to be completed in the first 2 years. Mr. Arnold said they cannot do all of the improvements in the first 2 years but that they should give a schedule of the capital improvement plan. Commissioner Chan said that the work plan/schedule should be part of the bid package.

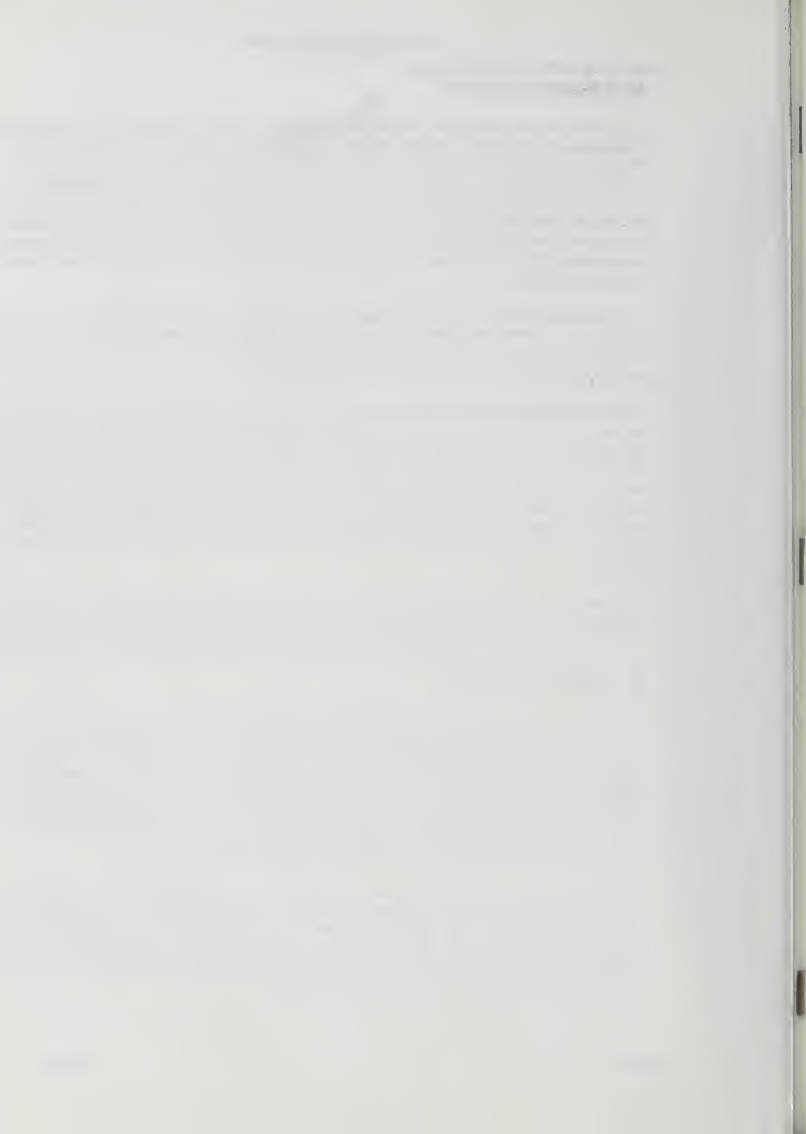
Commissioner Rovetti commented that the bid package is markedly changed. He was concerned that after 2 years a concessionaire could walk away from the lease. **Property Manager, Robin Burgstahler** said there is a \$50,000 bond to guarantee the minimum rent and a \$50,000 bond for the capital improvements.

**Betty Silverman**, thanked Deborah Learner, Phil Arnold and Robin Burgstahler who have worked on this bid package. She said that both of the bidders are dedicated to horses. She has been at the Stables for many years and has heard discussion of a covered arena many times. She wanted to make sure that staff and the Commission would support the operator if they pursued a covered arena and in obtaining the necessary City permits. She did not think that 60 days was enough time to go through the bid process. She was asked by the boarders to remind the Commission that fees were recently increased. She also discussed an unsafe condition relating to numerous potholes at the Stables.

**Jeff Morris**, one of the bidders, said he generally agreed with the changes to the bid package and felt 60 days was adequate time. He noted that the change in the financial components present a significant incentive for prospective operators and will allow the operator to generate more revenues. A material rate increase cannot be proposed until the capital work is completed.

**Joe Dignan**, one of the bidders, explained that the revised bid creates a strong incentive to perform the capital improvements. He said that they have been filling many of the potholes and performing maintenance to the Stables. He said the schedule for improvements and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan environmental review process are important elements to the bid. He further explained that construction in a horse barn is unlike other construction projects because horses are very sensitive to sound and react to noises. He wanted to make sure that construction projects do not impact the revenues since the Stables may have to close because of construction.

**Carol Hamby**, one of the bidders, said the 60 day time frame was fine and said the low rent at in the early years of the lease will enable them to make improvements to the Stables immediately. She noted that when they presented their bid they included a timetable for improvements. She stated that weather is a variable thing which much be considered in the revenue scheme since rainy weather will affect the income. She noted that repairs of the potholes should be done properly.



## 16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES

### BID PACKAGE (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16955**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the altered minimum financial requirements for Golden Gate Park Stables bid package and reopening of bidding period for two months with the provision that the altered bid shall include a timeline of when the capital projects will be completed along with the bidder's capital improvement plan.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:*

*Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti*

*Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer*

## 17. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

### ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS

Approval to amend Administrative Code Section 10.11-2 to allow the Recreation and Park Department to accept credit cards for payment of fees and charges.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Recreation and Park Department does not accept credit cards as payment for programs and services. However, some other City department do accept credit cards. The City has negotiated a very reasonable rate of 1.5% for use of credit cards for services provided by certain departments which are identified in the Administrative Code. However, the Recreation and Park Department is currently not one of these departments. He felt it was timely for the Department to accept credit cards for payment of programs and fees and requested approval to request a change in the City's Administrative Code to implement this service.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow,, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

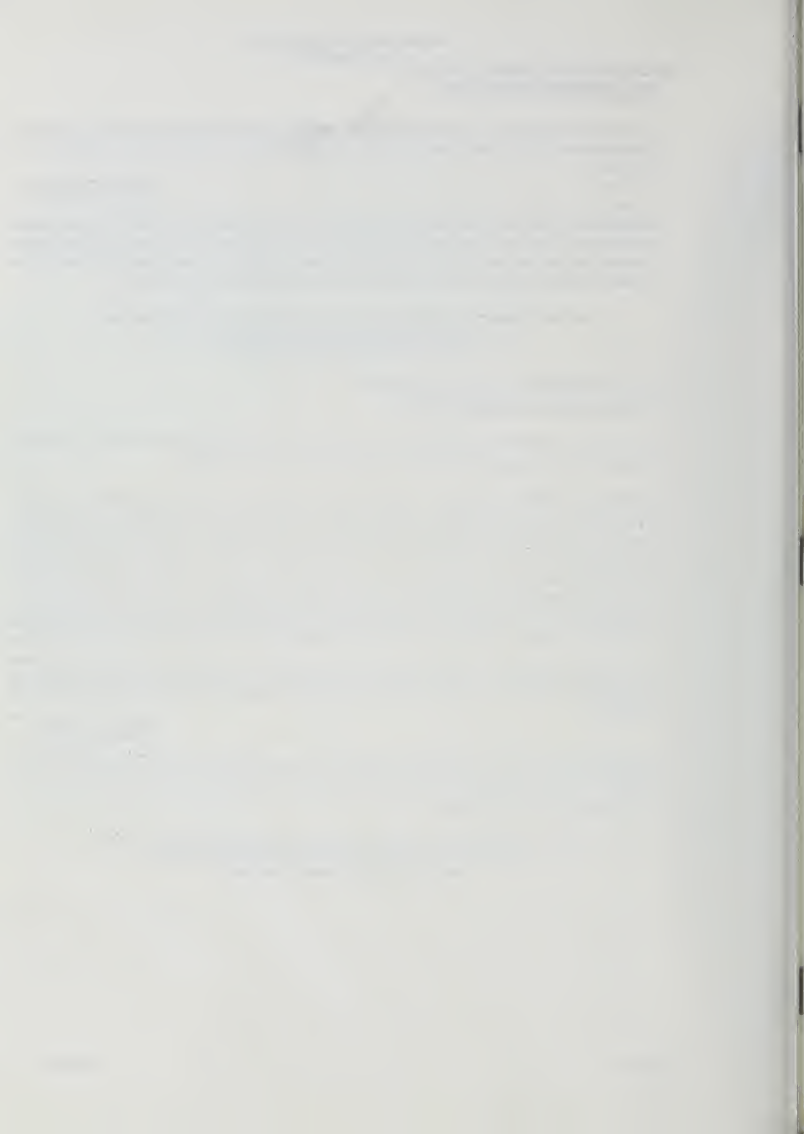
**RES. NO. 16956**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Administrative Code Section 10.11-2 to allow the Recreation and Park Department to accept credit cards for payment of fees and charges.

*Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:*

*Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti*

*Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer*





**18. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**DESIGNATION OF CONSERVANCY**

Approval of designation of Friends of Recreation and Parks as the agent for the Golden Gate Park Conservancy.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the formation of the Golden Gate Park Conservancy has been announced by the Mayor recently and has been the subject of discussion for a number of years. The Conservancy is an effort to secure private funding for Golden Gate Park to help supplement the City's commitment to Golden Gate Park. The Mayor also verbally gave his support to maintain the current level of City support. However, there is no formal agreement from this Commission as to who would act as the agent for the Conservancy. Friends of Recreation and Parks has been working with the Department on this concept and has formed a Committee to act as the organization for Conservancy. Since Friends of Recreation and Parks is a non-profit organization which has committed \$250,000 for this planning effort, he felt it was proper to designate them as the agent for the Golden Gate Park Conservancy. He further explained that the Department and Friends will develop a written document outlining the responsibilities of each agency and that this agreement will be presented to the Commission for approval in the future.

**Patricia Vaughey**, asked if this plan was another way to privatize Golden Gate Park. She said there was a need to have a fund raising effort and a non-profit organization but did not want it to turn into something similar to the financial problems of Asilomar in Monterey, California. She felt that there should be annual reports, audits, etc., outlining where the money is allocated and that a citizens committee should be instituted to give oversight of this Conservancy. She did not want the Conservancy to run Recreation and Park and felt the agreement should be carefully drafted to protect the Department.

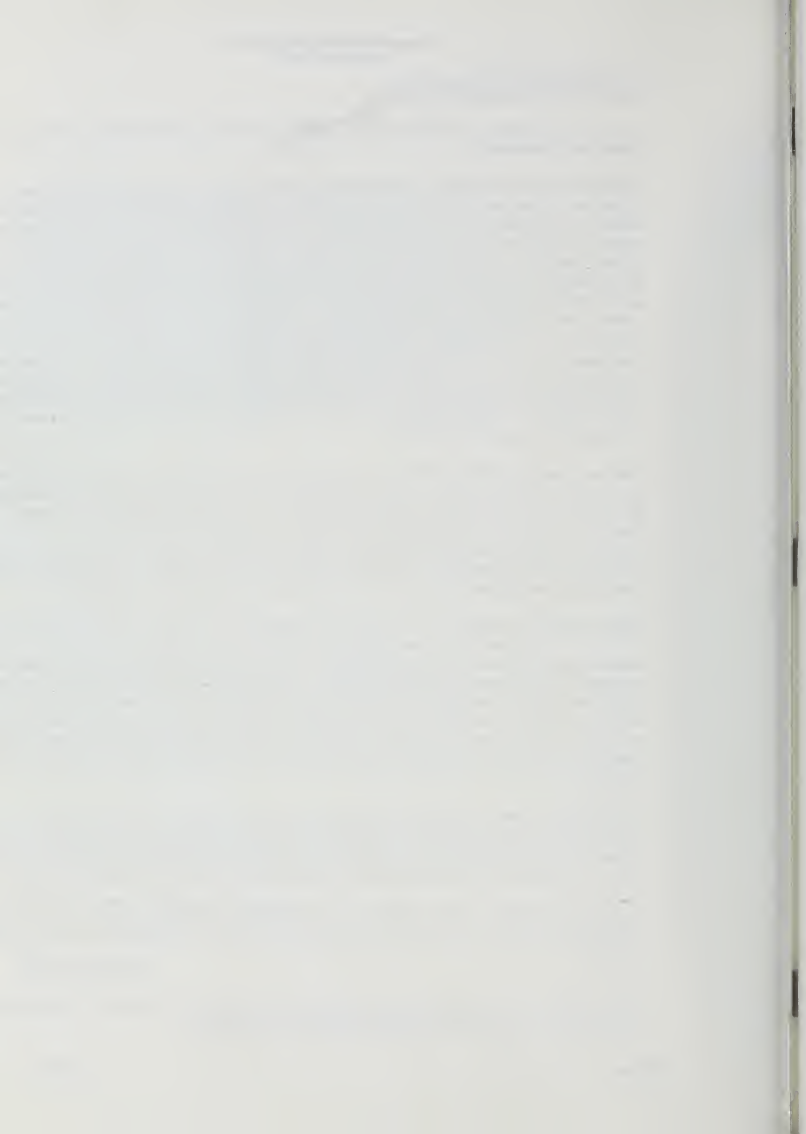
**David Jamison**, President of the Friends of Recreation and Park, recommended that Friends be designated as the lead organization for the Conservancy and said they have been working 3 years on developing this plan. The Friends are willing to put a substantial amount of funds toward the implementation of the Conservancy and realized that they would be subject to oversight and review by the Commission. He noted that since they are a non-profit organization they are regularly audited and those reports issued are available to anyone who expresses an interest. He said their goal is to not privatize the park but to raise funds to enhance Golden Gate Park and make it a better experience for everyone.

Commissioner Farrow said she personally knew how difficult it is to raise funds and Friends of Recreation and Parks is present to help the Department maintain the most beautiful park in the world. She thought it was fitting that Friends of Recreation and Parks be designated as the lead agency because they have served the Department well.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16957**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the designation of Friends of Recreation and Parks as the agent for the Golden Gate Park Conservancy.



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*Note for the Record: The Commission approved Item #18 by the following vote:  
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti  
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer*

**19. PUBLIC COMMENT**

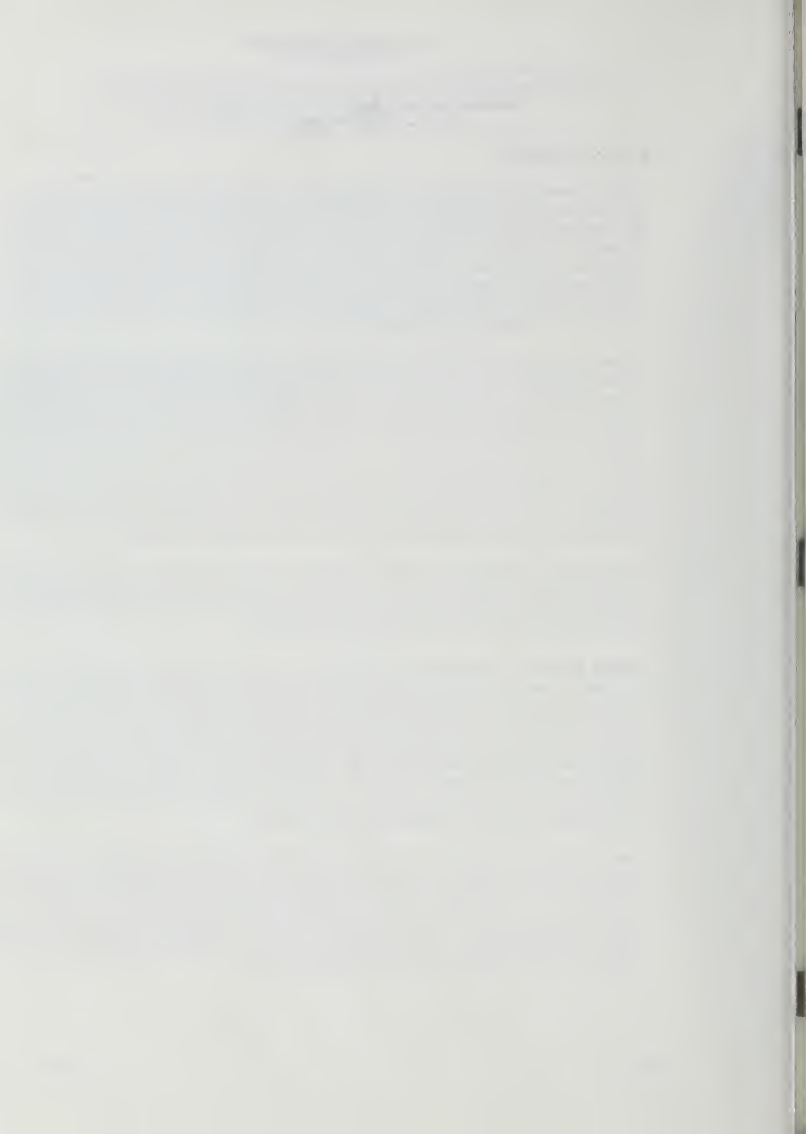
**Philip Carleton**, representing the Watchbison Committee, said that his Committee is trying to incorporate language in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan relating to the bison. He said that over 400 signatures have been gathered asking that 3 acres of land be returned to the bison in Golden Gate Park. Although he recognized the need for windbreaks in the park he wanted a commitment in the Master Plan that states that 3 acres of land will be returned to the bison by the year 2000. He said the return of the land will provide the animals with nutrients, mulch, and urged the Commission to consider inclusion of this statement in the Master Plan.

**Patricia Vaughney**, said she was not opposed to Friends of Recreation and Parks being the lead agency for the Golden Gate Park Conservancy but felt the contract should be carefully reviewed. She felt the item on the proposed NFL event was done improperly because the applicants were not asked to present their plan to the Commission and none of the questions she posed received a response. She wanted to know who in the City wanted this event and said that she will check to see that every City code is followed. She was also upset that Commissioner Ruiz was misrepresented on the facts about the Fleet Week event. She wanted to resolve the adversarial relationship that now exists with Recreation and Park. She said that any event with more than 5000 attendees should be considered 6 months in advance so that all of the issues can be reviewed.

President Immendorf said the Marina organization was contacted to discuss this issue. The Marina Green belongs to all of San Francisco and he did not like being accused of not caring about the Marina residents. He explained that there seems to be objection by the community whenever an event is held at the Marina.

**Janette Barroca**, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, said the agenda wording for the NFL event at the Marina does not state the set-up and breakdown dates and that the event will be cordoned off from September 1 through 7, 1994. Since the Marina and its views of the Bay are known worldwide and put on every tourist brochure she did not think it needed to be showcased any more. She thought it would be refreshing to all San Franciscans and visitors to showcase other beautiful and interesting parts of the City. She then outlined many other venues in the City that could be used for this event and said the NFL does not have the best interest of the City when it decided to hold the event at the Marina.

**Emeric Kalman**, discussed the proposed dredging contract for the Marina. He asked when the pre bid conference was held for this contract and how many people attended the conference. He also asked how many cubic yards was in the dredging contract and wanted all of these questions addressed before the Department awarded a contract. He further explained that he had obtained a copy of a budgetary document for the Department which contained many inaccuracies. He asked that somebody from staff be assigned to work with him to discuss these inaccuracies.



**19. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that the Department has limited staff and Mr. Kalman takes up an inordinate amount of staff time resulting in the employee not being able to perform his/her regular work. She was trying to find some way to address Mr. Kalman's issues and to minimize the amount of staff time it takes to address his issues. Mr. Kalman was directed to discuss his issues with Mr. Garrett Furuichi.

**Joan Girardot**, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, spoke about the NFL event at the Marina and said the Association was opposed to this type of mega event on the Marina Green. It is not just one event, but rather, the cumulative negative effect of numerous events being held in this small section of the City. She noted that events are also staged by Fort Mason Foundation and the yacht clubs. She said nobody was aware of this forthcoming event and urged that a Citizens Advisory Committee be established with representatives from concerned and affected neighbors, Recreation and Park, Fort Mason Foundation, the boat owners, and other affected people to develop a set of guidelines for special events on Marina Green. She said nobody coordinates the number of events held at the Marina. She wanted a bond posted in the amount of \$100,000 to \$500,000 to name, in addition to the City, the private property owners who might suffer damage from this event.

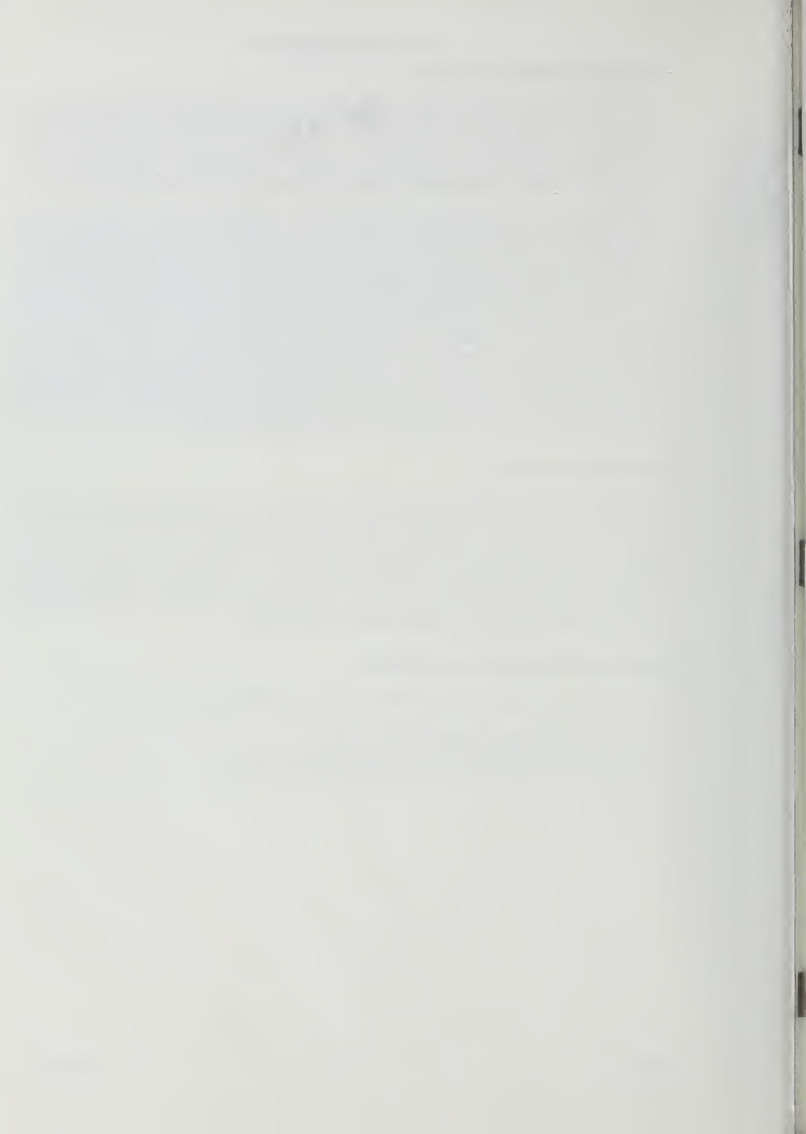
**20. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Immendorf said there has been discussion of selecting a point person or a committee to address the number of events held in the Marina. He was willing to try to set a policy that dictates how many events can be held at the Marina, the size, etc. It was his hope that this committee would resolve the adversarial relationship that has developed with the Marina community. He said he did not realize that the majority of the meeting in the Mayor's Office would focus on breakwaters in the outer west harbor and wanted to discuss the NFL event in detail at that meeting.

**21. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- ♦ Joint Zoo Committee meeting of June 1, 1994
- ♦ Parks and Planning Committee meeting of July 5, 1994
- ♦ Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of July 7, 1994



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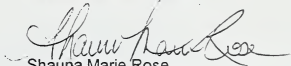
**22. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Chan the meeting was adjourned in memory of Abiel Toenini, a youth who was shot and killed at Hamilton Recreation Center on July 6, 1994.

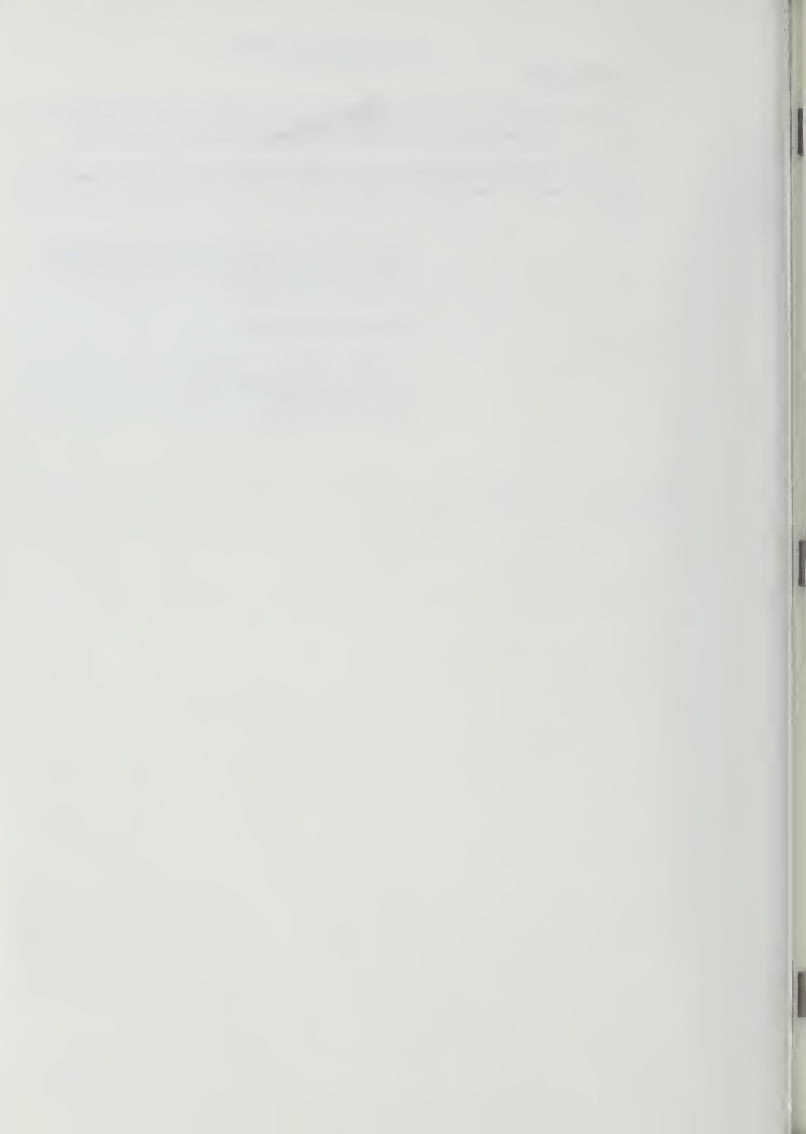
On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Nan Neal, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, who is in the hospital.

There being no further business, the 695th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.





San Francisco, California  
September 21, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1994 - 6:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, September 21, 1994 at 6:05 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz (noted present at 6:25 p.m.)  
Commissioner Sue Sommer (noted present at 6:20 p.m.)

President Immendorf explained that Items 2 and 3 were companion measures and would be considered as one item.

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN

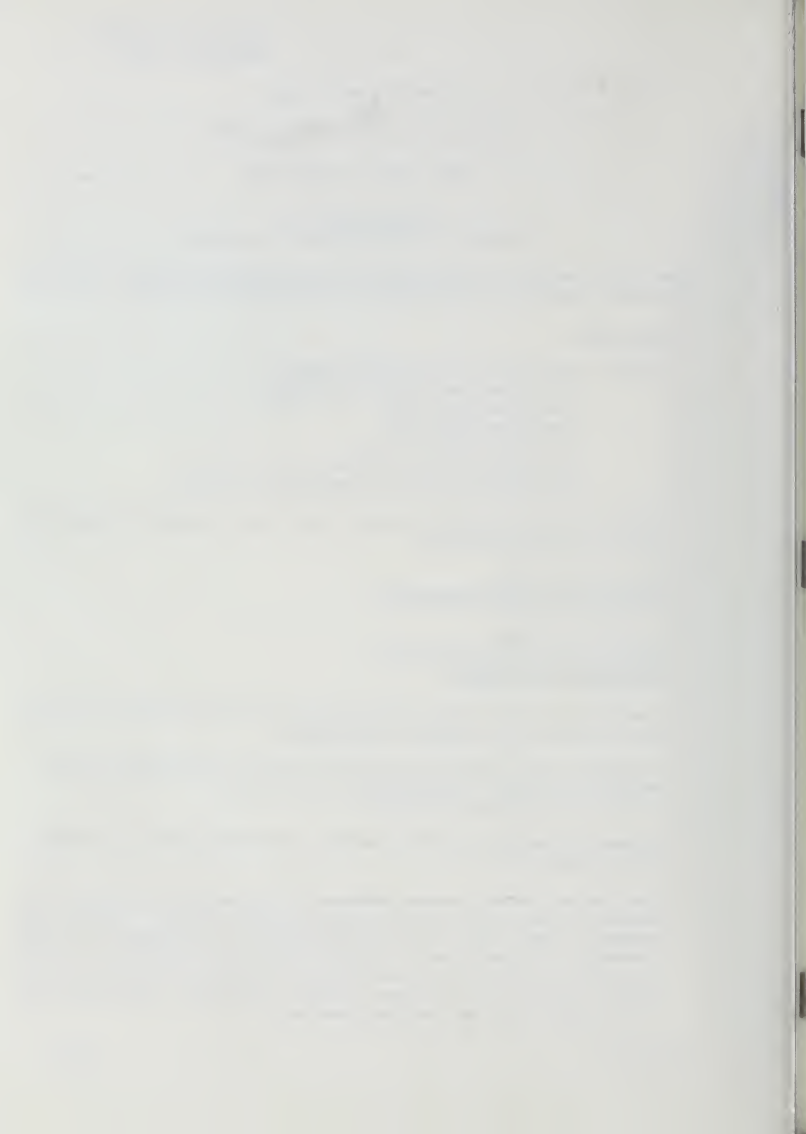
3. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Consideration of specific actions to be forwarded for environmental review in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, including the following topics:

- Circulation - Proposed road closures, Saturday closure options, commuter parking regulations
- Buildings and Structures - Proposed expansion or new construction
- Land Use - Non conforming use designation

Approval of resolution recommending initiation of environmental review for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

**Park Planner Deborah, Learner**, explained that a great deal of participation and interest has been shown in the Master Plan for Golden Gate Park. The Plan was reviewed in detail at the 7/18/94 Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission. This Master Plan is a comprehensive document and discusses in depth objectives and policies, the park landscape, circulation issues, recreation and visitor facilities, buildings and monuments, utilities, infrastructure, maintenance and operation areas, park funding and special area plans.



## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

Ms. Learner said that when the Master Plan is forwarded for environmental review it will make use of the many technical documents that were prepared in the development of the Master Plan including the background papers on all the subject areas that were mentioned in the 1992 Park Bond project (Proposition A): issues that relate to water supply and circulation, utilities, the lakes, reservoirs, water features, and rehabilitation of key park features. Transportation issue reports are incorporated into the plan as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan which includes all the measures that have been identified in the park for those who may have a disability.

Ms. Learner clarified the point that the purpose of this meeting was not to approve the Master Plan but rather to provide public input for the Commission on the document that will be forwarded for environmental review. The environmental review is a public disclosure process that provides detailed analysis of specific measures and how those measures may impact the environment. Once environmental review is completed the Commission may legally approve the Master Plan.

It is customary to review options in the Master Plan process and the Plan is a very conceptual document. Staff is advocating that improvements for the park should go forward and in some areas has identified options. For example, staff has not made a specific recommendation for either option in the area of Saturday road closures. Ms. Learner outlined the key issues contained in the staff report on the Golden Gate Park Master Plan:

❖ **Saturday Closure Options.** 2 Saturday closure option are identified:

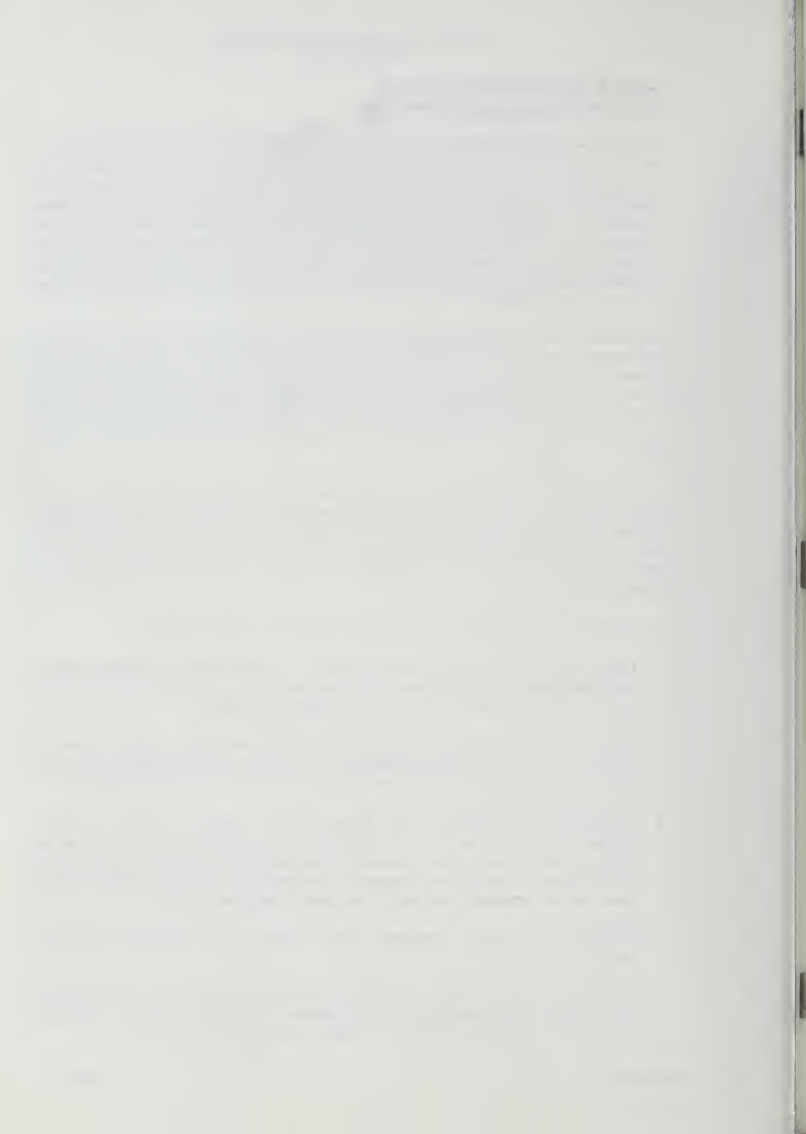
♦ Kennedy Drive from Kezar to 8th Avenue. If this option was adopted there would be access to the Music Concourse from 8th, and 10th Avenues and the Concourse would remain open as it now does on Sundays.

♦ Kennedy Drive from Stow Lake Drive to Transverse Drive. Kennedy Drive on access to the Park would be available from 8th and 10th Avenues, and Kezar Drive. The Music Concourse would remain open as it now does on Sundays.

❖ **Improvements to Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive** There is a need to improve pedestrian safety. There are now 2 large vehicular lanes that flow very quickly and the street is very wide. The options are to retain 2 lanes of travel that will accommodate 2 lanes of traffic as well as landscaping extensions with the other option of having parked vehicles on one side of Hagiwara Drive.

❖ **Measures To Discourage Through Traffic** There are 2 main measures to address this issue.

♦ Prohibit left turns at the intersection of eastbound King Drive and Crossover Drive. Staff suggests this option be examined. Currently, the traffic that flows toward the Golden Gate Bridge encourages vehicles to use the park.



## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN** **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

### **❖ Measures To Discourage Through Traffic (Continued)**

- ♦ Closure of a small portion of Sunset Blvd. as it enters the Park. Sunset Blvd. was originally envisioned as a road that might extend through the Park. However, Sunset Blvd. dead ends immediately upon entering the park. Drivers are then given a choice of turning either right or left to continue passage into the Park. The options would provide vehicles to turn left or right on Lincoln Way and enter the Park either through the Chain of Lakes Drive, 25th Avenue or at Crossover Drive.

### **❖ Options for Closing Non-Essential Roads**

- ♦ Close 30th Avenue between Fulton Street and Kennedy Drive. This closure should be examined. People could access the Park by entering on Fulton, 36th Avenue, Chain of Lakes Drive or 25th Avenue.

- ♦ Close Conservatory Drive East. This street is located in a sensitive native oak woodland area and the traffic volume is not great. On the weekdays it is used as a parking lot. The closure of this road should be examined. One could access the park through Arguello Drive, entering on Conservatory Drive West. Improvements could also be made to the intersection of Stanyan and Fulton Streets.

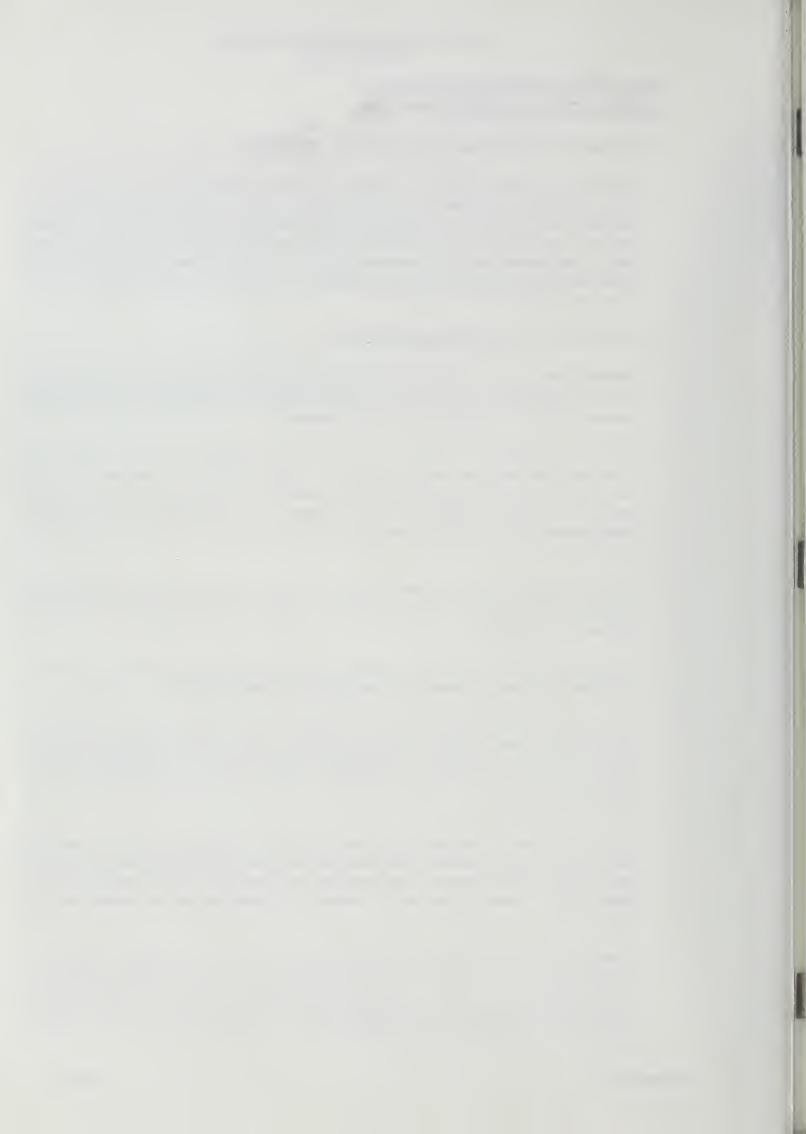
- ♦ Close a small portion of 47th Avenue. This closure would mean that people coming into the Golden Gate Park Golf Course would travel via the Great Highway and Fulton.

- ♦ Close South Fork (west end). This is not an essential park road and the Park could be accessed by other roads including the Great Highway.

- ♦ Close the 7th Avenue Entrance to the Park. This is a small piece of road and the traffic volume is limited. This area could be improved for bicycling into the Park because 7th Avenue is considered a bicycle route. Modifications would have to be made at 9th Avenue to make it easier for traffic to access the Park at 9th Avenue.

- ♦ Close a Portion of Middle Drive West. Middle Drive West is a wide road and has a tendency to encourage speeding commute traffic. If a portion was closed people would still be able to use that drive as a park road, but it would not be a speed road. There is interest in making the closed portion a bicycle learning area.

### **❖ Commuter Parking Regulations Options** Three and four hour parking regulations are proposed for the Park. The area farthest away from the Music Concourse would be designated as a 3-hour parking restriction; the area around the Music Concourse would be a 4-hour parking limit to enable visitors to have sufficient time to visit the institutions in the park.



## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

- ❖ **Proposed Building Expansion.** There are some expansions that have been included in the Master Plan. Ms. Learner outlined the proposed building expansions.
  - ♦ **The Tennis Clubhouse** is proposed to be expanded by approximately 1500 square feet to meet disabled access requirements and some extension of the building could be accommodated within the landscape of the park to improve visitor services and for potential revenue generation.
  - ♦ Expansion of the **Golden Gate Park Stables** by 1000 square feet is proposed to accommodate a living unit for an on-site caretaker.
  - ♦ **Millwright's House** is an antiquated structure. Staff evaluated the structure and feels it should be demolished in the future. A public use, such as a 2400 square foot pavilion might be designed in this area to provide visitors services, restrooms, and possible concession activities.
  - ♦ **Arboretum Classroom in Demonstration Garden Area.** The Arboretum, some time ago, received approval for a classroom structure in the west end of the Arboretum. Upon further evaluation there is now an interest in moving that classroom closer to the main entrance.
  - ♦ **Music Concourse Improvements** There is a suggestion that the existing maintenance activities should be consolidated into a 20 x 50' structure near the bus lot. Additionally, it is proposed that a small 400 square foot food vending facility be constructed to take place of the temporary trailer that is currently behind the bandstand.
  - ♦ The service facilities for the **Conservatory of Flowers** are quite inadequate at the Conservatory and there is a request that a 3000 square foot maintenance structure/nursery facility be constructed within the fenced area in the back of the Conservatory. \*
- ❖ **Land Use Designation** Consideration to designate the Recycling Center as a non-conforming use is proposed. There is current language in the Master Plan that states that land use agreements, permits, concessions, and leases should meet a standard of appropriateness in accordance with the City Charter. The City Charter states that permits and leases shall be issued for recreational purposes only. The staff report discusses the City's open space element of the City's Master Plan and the urban design element section calls for the removal of non-conforming use from park properties. The recommendation is that the Golden Gate Park Master Plan should identify the Recycling Center as a non-conforming use.





## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

### ❖ Land Use Designation (Continued)

Ms. Learner explained that there have been several non-conforming uses over the years. The building where the Special Meeting was being held (Golden Gate Park Senior Center) was, at one time, a police training academy. Over the years other quarters were found and the building was turned over for a park purpose. The Richmond Sunset Plant at the West end was a sewage facility for many years but there was an interest to remove that facility from the park. Now that a new treatment facility has been constructed, there is an opportunity to restore that area to park land.

Assistant General Manager, Phil. Arnold, explained that the Commission will consider the renewal of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center permit at its 9/22/94 meeting. Language has been agreed to by both HANC Recycling Center staff and the Recreation and Park Department staff for insertion into the Master Plan. Mr. Arnold read the language which represents a compromise on both sides and is consistent with the non-conforming use issue:

*"The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, located in Golden Gate Park, is part of the City and County of San Francisco's Source Reduction and Recycling Element of the Solid Waste Master Plan. The Center receives recyclables from businesses and the surrounding neighborhoods and as such is a non-conforming use of the Park. The Center also provides Recycling services to the Park, collecting recyclable materials on a regular basis and at special events. The non-park serving activities should eventually be phased out when feasible alternative locations for these activities are identified and become available. In the interim, the Center should increase its benefits to the Park. While the Recycling Center is located on Park property, the Center's activities should be focused on the Recycling needs of Golden Gate Park and the immediate neighborhoods and material collected from other parts of the City should be minimized. Additional measures should be taken to reduce the noise and visual impact of the Recycling Center on the Park and neighborhood."*

Mr. Arnold said the permit to be considered at the 9/22/94 Commission meeting discusses in greater detail how these matters will be carried out.

Commissioner Chan asked if a decision had to be made on the Saturday closure options and Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive options. Ms. Learner explained that the proposal is to ask that both of these options be analyzed in the environmental review. When the environmental review is completed the Commission will be free to make a selection. Commissioner Chan said the Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive options look similar and asked if a consensus was reached from those who attended the Task Force meetings. Ms. Learner said she personally felt that vehicles along this roadway would be unsightly, however, there is an issue to provide service to the museums. The institutions prefer the parking option on Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive.



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Commissioner Sommer was visiting the Museum recently and was unsure who was responsible for the parking lot at the North end of the deYoung and Asian Art Museums. She felt that parking along Hagiwara Drive would be unsightly but was concerned about providing disabled parking. She wondered if the North parking lot could be used for this purpose. Ms. Learner explained that the lot is park property but the museum uses it. Commissioner Sommer said the horseshoe courts are located near Conservatory Drive East and the proposed closure would make it difficult to access the area on foot. Ms. Learner said that there is access along Fulton Street about a block and one-half away. There is discussion that potentially the horseshoe courts could be located in closer proximity to the Golden Gate Park Senior Center. Commissioner Sommer felt it would easier to have 3 or 4 hour parking restrictions in the Park rather than two different time regulations.

Ms. Learner explained that in terms of enforcement, it is better to have a shorter time frame because people park in the Park and walk to University of California and/or St. Mary's Hospital and there has been question as to whether they would move their cars during the lunch hour if there was a 4 hour restriction. The 3 and 4 hour parking restriction was considered a compromise to meet the needs of the institutions and to try to discourage commuter parking. The Department of Parking and Traffic said they would enforce these parking regulations. This action will provide additional parking for the Music Concourse and other activities in the park because now the drives on the east end of the park are occupied by commuter parking. Commissioner Sommer asked if Friends of Recreation and Park or some other group or organization would consider reconstructing Millwright's House because she did not want to tear it down this beautiful building. Ms. Learner said in reviewing it objectively the house does not meet seismic or disability access standards. There are probably asbestos ceiling tiles, etc., and the cost of renovating the building to make it serviceable for public use would be cost prohibitive.

President Immendorf reinforced the point that the Commission will not decide what roads will remain open or closed in the park at this time; rather the goal of this meeting was to pass on the Master Plan for environmental review. The environmental review process will take about a year.

**Public Testimony**

**Mary Jane Wallace**, discussed the bison and said the bison once had a lot of space. She said the volunteers intend to fight to return every inch of land for the bison.

**Grace Fontin**, lives in the Sunset, and said the present Master Plan will make her either a prisoner of the Park or exile her from the Park. There are plenty of reasons to pass from one side of the park to the other side and those who have lived in the area for a long time try to stay away from the most traveled areas of the park by escaping to the lesser traveled roads. She thought closure of Sunset Blvd. entrance to the park was insane and that closing 30th Avenue was an inconvenience.



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**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

**Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Bruce Selby**, President of Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club, representing the southwest portion of San Francisco, stated that they vehemently oppose the closure of Sunset Blvd., north of Lincoln, and the prohibition of the left hand turn at the intersection of King Drive and Crossover Drive. If those two proposals were implemented it would cut off access for over 100,000 residents in the southwest portion of San Francisco from the park and to the north end of the City. He urged the Commission to not approve these two measures in the Master Plan.

**Doris Bebb**, representing the Planning Association of the Richmond (PAR), said at its September meeting, PAR unanimously opposed Saturday closures in the park. She asked the Commission to consider the detrimental repercussions additional closures will have on the institutions in the park as well as to the adjacent residential neighborhoods. Experience with the Sunday closure has confirmed that any additional road closure would be untenable. She asked that the Master Plan be sent on to environmental review so that it may be scrutinized.

**Jerry Zagorites**, said the Master Plan is a result of the voters approving the Park Bond in 1992 (Proposition A). That bond stated that funds would be used for restoration, reforestation, restrooms, utilities, etc. Road closures were not disclosed as part of the bond issue. He felt the 47th Avenue road closure was punitive forcing people to use a difficult route to access the park's golf course. The Saturday closure is bad for the museums and the institutions are suffering from Sunday closures. He opposed the Saturday closures and said it created a hardship for people who want to visit the park on the weekends.

**George Tainter**, sent a letter to the Commission outlining his concerns but said the proposed closures will make it more difficult for seniors and the disabled to use the park. The Music Concourse is the business end of the park and he hoped the Commission considered the economic impact of road closures to the institutions. He said the park bond (Proposition A), did not mention road closures and a very high percentage of the items contained in the Master Plan were not mentioned in park bond.

**Flora Zagorites**, reiterated the point that the museums should be considered. A split time for 3 or 4 hour parking restrictions in the park will be difficult for everyone. She pleaded with the Commission to not close the park off. She said sometimes a drive through the park restores one's spirits after a hard day.

**David Crommie**, representing the Cole Valley Improvement Association, said the proposed road closures should be forwarded for environmental review as soon as possible. He was heartened by the non conforming use provision contained in the Master Plan. He disagreed with the term of the Recycling Center permit to be considered by the Commission on 9/22/94 and thought the two one- year options were extreme. He said that the public had no input on this provision of the permit and there is no accountability for the Center to look for an alternative site outside of the park.



## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

### **Public Testimony (Continued)**

Kevin Drew, Manager, Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, supported the road closures under consideration in the Master Plan. He said that HANC accepted the compromise language that has been proposed for inclusion in the Master Plan and noted that there is overwhelming community support for the Recycling Center in spite of the concerns of the Cole Valley Improvement Association. A community meeting has been scheduled to discuss the concerns from the neighborhood and individuals about the Center. He felt that HANC has a long track record of solving these concerns and that they could continue to provide a service and be a good neighbor to the park.

Edward von der Porten, was appalled by Master Plan and said people have provided dollars to improve the park for everyone. He recounted a time when he drove an elderly relative through the park once or twice a week and said that those drives were the highlight of the day for this person. He said that a quiet drive in the park is beneficial and that easy access to the museums is important to many people. The Master Plan will inform citizens, in effect, to not use the park because it blocks people from using the park. He commented that there are more than 100,000 people in the Sunset who are not aware of the proposed plans and that the prohibition of the left turn at Crossover Drive and King Drive will dump traffic onto 19th Avenue which it cannot handle.

Joel Ventresca, member of the San Francisco Environment Commission and the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, said the park is presently being used as a high speed commuter route and parking lot. The circulation of cars need to be limited and restricted to enhance the quality of the park experience for San Franciscans. There needs to be a complete environmental review of all the proposals to restrict cars in the park. He said the Recycling Center is providing an essential cultural and maintenance purpose for the park and it should not be designated as a non-conforming use. A non-conforming use designation could lead to the eviction of this Center and a loss of a service that many San Franciscans have used for many years. Recycling should be included in the Master Plan as a positive attribute of the park. The Center encourages and provides Recycling services and educational opportunities. He felt that the Golden Gate Park Conservancy is inappropriate for the park and that private sector involvement will lead to commercialization of the park.

Jake Sigg, said that people who use and need the park are out there walking and enjoying it. He was a gardener for 30 years in the park and frequently spent much of that time on the Kennedy Drive, King Drive and Middle Drive. During the commute hours it was a nightmare experience. He asked if this was William Hammond Hall's vision of an urban, pastoral retreat. The Commission has a responsibility to follow that vision. He urged the Commission to come to terms with the commuter traffic problem and to adopt a bold plan that will attract funding.





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**Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Greg Gaar**, a member of the Board of Directors of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and someone who served on the Golden Gate Park Master Plan Task Force, said countless meetings were held on issues relating to circulation, land use, the Recycling Center, etc., and this plan is a result of all those meetings. He said everyone realizes that the automobile is choking Golden Gate Park and destroying the park experience. People who live in a densely populated City need to be able to relax after a hard day at work and do not want to confront more traffic congestion. The Task Force was not informed of the 8,300 square feet of additional building that is now under consideration. The park is unbearable with the amount of congestion and the road closures are a good start. He urged that the Plan be forwarded for environmental review to obtain feedback from City planners. He said he used to manage the Recycling Center and said there are many non conforming uses in the park such as the Park Police Station which serves the community and the park. The maintenance yard provides equipment and maintenance services for the entire Recreation and Park Department and McLaren Lodge and its Annex administers the entire recreation and park system, not just Golden Gate Park.

**Paul Isarr**, has lived in many neighborhoods around Golden Gate Park and the park has always been an important consideration in his choice of residence. He rarely drives, but bicycles to most of his destinations and has seen the City and park deteriorate. It is very difficult to bicycle because of the number of vehicles. He said the issue is that of convenience and nobody wants to be inconvenienced. He wanted one place in the City to be pleasant and that should be the park. The park used to be that place but the day of leisurely Sunday drives in the City are gone. He supported the road closures and any measure that would remove the commercialization, traffic and parking in the park.

**Lynda Ray**, President of the Conservatory Foundation, said the Foundation is trying to refurbish the Conservatory of Flowers and is working with community groups to that end. The Sunday road closure of Kennedy Drive and the closure near Arguello have greatly diminished public access to this building. The additional proposed road closures will preclude many people from coming to the Conservatory and will allow only the able bodied to visit the park. She urged the Commission to consider access to this building because if it is refurbished the hope is that it will be self sustaining. Public interest can only be achieved if the building is accessible. She urged the Commission to not consider any more road closures around the Conservatory.

**Philip Carleton**, representing the Watch Bison Committee, presented a petition of over 700 signatures asking that all of the land that has been taken away from the bison since 1957 be returned. The signatures collected were taken from the paddock and there is support from some of the officials at the Zoo. Merrill Magowan, of the Zoological Society Board of Directors signed the petition. He said that staff informed him that the recent volunteer clean ups at the bison paddock area were successful and saved the City \$12,000-15,000. He said that the arguments given about this land being needed for reforestation was weak. He said he would continue fighting this issue to the Mayor's desk.



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**Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Dave Bisho**, representing the West of Twin Peaks Council, which represents 18 neighborhood organizations, said the Council has not taken a position on the proposed road closures because they have not met all summer. They will meet next Monday and he hoped that the Commission will give the road closures the consideration they deserve.

**Anthony von der Muhl**, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Committee, reminded the Commission that it previously guided and approved the development of the Kezar Corner Master Plan. During that time, the suitability of the Recycling Center at its current location was extensively studied by staff, the Commission and the community. All found that it was sited in an appropriate location and it was not designated as non conforming. The Kezar Master Plan also went through environmental review. He said that nothing has changed since that time in terms of the Center's impact on the park. The volume has declined and they have increased the level of service it gives to the park. The Center has made many good faith efforts to mitigate any impacts on the park. The permit shows its desire to be the best neighbor that it can be to the park and the surrounding community. HANC accepted the compromise language but reminded the Commission that the Center is identified in the City's Solid Waste Management Plan and anything that compromises that activity will have a consequence. HANC supports the road closures in the Master Plan and opposed the expansion of structures in the park.

**David Kinsley**, a cyclist, said his main concern is opportunities for off road cycling in the Park and Ms. Learner was beginning to address this issue. Road closures in the park are valuable assets to all the people. The closed areas in the park are heavily used on Sundays and the road closures can easily be accommodated. He suggested that both Saturday closure options be considered. He reminded the Commission that their concerns should be recreational opportunities for the City rather than the potential money making opportunities for the vendors and museums.

**Chuck Colella**, said the proposed closing of Sunset Blvd. and the left turn restriction on Crossover Drive will greatly exclude thousands of people from the southwest corner of the City. This issue is not a matter of accommodating those who wish to bicycle, rather a matter of exclusion. The park is for everyone and a vehicle is the only way children and the elderly have to get to the park. The only way elderly friends can visit the park is by car. He said the only major north/south thoroughfare is Sunset Blvd. and there is no other way to get in and out of the park. He urged the Commission to consider these issues.



## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

### **Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Frank Tsai**, acting director of the Academy of Sciences, read a statement on behalf of the Academy which supported programs that limit non-park related traffic. The Academy opposed the Saturday closure until there is a proven alternative transportation program in place. They looked forward to working with staff and the Commission to develop parking policies that will consider the many volunteers who are essential for the Academy's educational programs. The Sunday closure has had a negative impact on the Academy and the closures will limit the public's ability to visit the facility. In 1967, the first year of the closure, there were 62,000 fewer Sunday visitors. The institutions in the park attract national and international tourist and must remain accessible to everyone.

**Burton Rockwell**, member of the Friends of Recreation and Parks, attended many of the Task Force meetings and the one topic everyone agreed upon was reducing commuter traffic in the park. However, it has been treated lightly in the Master Plan. There has been much disagreement about closure and access to the park. He said it was an attractive principle to keep traffic out by shutting down access to the Park but its many users must be considered. He said too much emphasis has been placed on the road closures. He did not favor the road closures but felt they should be part of the environmental review process.

**Charles Canepa**, supported the road closures that eliminate the commuter traffic in the park and the Saturday road closures. He was pleased to know that the non conforming use issue for the Recycling Center had been included in the Master Plan. He did not think the Center would relocate unless they were given an incentive. He said the Center should not be able to truck recycled material into the Center 7 days a week. He did feel the Recycling Center was an inappropriate use of park property and said it was unfair to the neighbors in the area. He said the comment previously made that there was no opposition to the Center from the neighborhood was incorrect.

**Lena Emmery**, lives near Golden Gate Park and enjoys the benefits of the Park. She said the HANC Recycling Center is an industrial use in an inappropriate location. The Center started years ago when it may have been a more appropriate use because it was located next to a dilapidated stadium. Kezar Stadium has been renovated and the odors and noise associated with the Center is not compatible. There is new housing across the street, the City has a curbside recycling system in place and HANC does not perform all of the recycling services in the park. There are other recycling groups that offer similar service. She said there has been discussion about access to the parks but in Paris nobody can drive to the front door of the Louvre.



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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

**Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Howard Strassner**, representing the Sierra Club, urged the Commission to forward the Master Plan to environmental review and reminded them that tonight's action would not decide what should or should not take place in the park. It grieved him that he had to urge that the Plan to go forward so the traffic engineers could have an opportunity to analyze all of the elements of the Plan. He wanted to get rid of commuter parking and felt that the environmental impact statements were necessary. This action will offer a complete environmental impact report that studies the alternatives.

**David Jamison**, president of the Museum Society and Friends of Recreation and Parks, said that for the last 22 years "Friends" has provided private funding for the City's parks and to support the City's recreation programs. The Museum Society represents an enormous constituency with over 20,000 members living in San Francisco and same number living in the Bay Area. These members view Golden Gate Park as a regional facility, a local park and a destination for both recreational and cultural activities. He strongly urged that full access be maintained to Golden Gate Park and to its institutions. He asked that closures be located where they would not disrupt access. He expressed his total opposition to any closures of Kennedy Drive on Saturday.

**Kate Webster**, representing the Sierra Club, the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, and a member of the Master Plan Task Force, thanked the Department and consultants for their hard work and ongoing outreach with the public. She reiterated that both the public and the Commission would benefit greatly from the environmental review analysis and would clarify the controversy that has surrounded the specific road closures and accessibility issues. The environmental review would decide the impact from these measures. She wanted to help shape Golden Gate Park and its future. She and the organizations she was associated with looked forward to continuing to provide input throughout the Master Plan process to create a bold vision for the park by reducing commuter and through traffic as well as providing greater recreational opportunities.

**Honey Harm**, a senior, and one of the 1000 volunteers at the Academy of Sciences, explained that there are no viable transportation alternatives from Santa Clara to Golden Gate Park and she must use her car. She is also sunlight sensitive and cannot wait 30 minutes for a shuttle or bus to access the park. She empathized with the Commission's responsibility to consider the many different needs but implored the Commission to make it accessible for everyone.





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**Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Connie Fox**, a recreational user of the Golden Gate Park, favored the road closures. She said the Sunday closure shows how many people use the park. If Kennedy Drive were closed from Stanyan to Crossover Drive and if Stow Lake Drive were closed the museums could be accessed from Lincoln Way. She said the only greenery you see when driving in the City is the park and that it needed to be preserved. She suggested installing toll booths at entrances so that those who really want to go through the park would have to pay a fee. That fee could be used for the park.

**Michael Wise**, a native San Franciscans, asked the Commission to pay particular attention to the corner of 8th and Fulton because this entrance is located nearest to the institutions in the park. The street corner is an urban blight and the abandoned Delancey Street building is boarded up and unsightly. He thought the Commission should consider this area because many tourists and park users access the park from this street. He said it would be in the Commission's best interest to do something about this area and asked that it consider making the Delancey Street building a visitor center. He further asked that the Commission rename the County Fair Building back to the Hall of Flowers.

**Bert Glenn**, vice Chair of the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee, said that they have had an opportunity to submit their comments and views on the Plan as it was developed. The result of those meetings is the Plan before the Commission. The Bicycle Advisory Committee believes that the Plan should go forward for environmental review as presented by staff. The Plan now represents a compromise as a result of a lot of work and consideration from many interest groups including cyclists. The Plan deserves further study and there is an opportunity to review the individual aspects of the plan after that review is complete.

**David Shaw**, representing the Academy of Sciences, works in the Public Information Office and provides information to the public. He hears frustration and complaints from the public on how difficult it is to access the Academy. On the weekends, when many people want to visit the Academy the public transit is less frequent to the park. He urged that the Commission consider the impacts of the road closures and the ability of the public to access the Academy, especially seniors and families with small children.

**James Beck**, lives, works and recreates near Golden Gate Park and said there is increased congestion and industrialism. At this time, the park must foster environmental awareness. Recycling is an essential concept in the environmental outlook. The best possible location of the Recycling Center is in the park and it does not enjoin the natural areas of the park. Recycling in the park should be considered a conditional use. He said every possible measure should be taken to limit thru traffic and commuter traffic in the park and that as many roads as possible should be closed. He favored Saturday closures and the Recycling Center.



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**Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Barbara Marion**, President of the Kezar Poly Neighborhood Association, a member of the Golden Gate Park Task Force, and immediate neighbor of the Recycling Center, applauded the direction to encourage the Recycling Center to seek an alternate location. She believed that recycling is a social good and should be encouraged within our City, however, that social good could be accommodated somewhere other than on valuable park land. A recreational use could be found for this land that would be less detrimental to the immediate neighborhood. Although she did not favor road closures, she encouraged the Commission to consider closing a portion of Waller Street and making it a one way exit from Lincoln thereby allowing traffic to go from Lincoln directly onto Stanyan Street.

**Dr. Sheila Fernandez**, a member of the Watch Bison Committee, spoke of her concern about the buffalo in the park. She has been volunteering at the bison paddock area on Saturdays and seen many people come on tours and hundreds of others walk by. She has been communicating with the buffalo and they have informed her that they do not want any more land taken away from them and that they want their land back by the year 2000. She said she planned to file a class action suit on behalf of the bison and to take legal action if their land is not returned.

**Bryan Yamamoto**, a local resident and user of the park, supported the closures and asked the Commission to improve public transportation on the weekends so the park users could enjoy the park and the museums. If the roads were not closed there will be no pressure on the City to improve public transit. If one is able to drive, there is no impetus to improve public transportation throughout the park.

**Joan Downey**, representing the Kezar-Poly Neighborhood Association, and member of Golden Gate Park Master Plan Task Force, was glad to see the non conforming language inserted in the Plan. She had heard arguments that the Center should be grandfathered into the plan but a lot has changed since the Recycling Center started its operation. It was located next to old Kezar, across the street from an abandoned high school and before curbside recycling was established. When the Center first began they did not truck material from commercial areas. She wanted a timetable for removal of the Recycling Center included in the HANC permit.

**Sara Mogel**, a heavy user of the park, said her vision for the park would be to see it totally closed to cars. However, a great deal of time and work went into the circulation element and she supported it as presented. She registered her concern about the Golden Gate Park Conservancy. She is a member of the Academy of Sciences and notices the corporate tags when she enters the building and has seen her membership rates increase. She did not think corporations would invest money without wanting some sort of recognition or acknowledgment. She also registered her support for the Recycling Center.

**Frederick J. Venose**, spoke behalf of the Bison. He has lived in San Francisco for last 17 years and said the buffalo do not have a voice. He supported the buffalo and asked that the land that was taken away since 1957 be returned to them.



## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN** **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

### **Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Terry Roller**, fully supported the road closures. He realized that the closures may create an inconvenience but the goal was to improve the park. He did not think anyone could argue that the park is not being assaulted by automobile traffic. The only way to restrict automobile traffic is to restrict access. People are not being excluded from the park; rather the automobile is being excluded. He routinely visits the park on Sundays and sees people of all age groups enjoying the park. He said the museums are present to serve the park, not the park to serve the museums. He fully supported the Recycling Center, said they accept more materials than the City's curbside program, and felt it should be designated as an appropriate use of park.

**Chandler Visner**, uses the institutions in the parks and walks to them with children. It was important to have disabled access to the institutions but allowing automobiles is a detriment to the rest of the park users. One car takes up a lot of space and a lot of enjoyment. He understood the concept of people having access to the park but did not think cars were the only way to achieve it.

**Vivian Goodwin**, representing the Coalition to Save Ocean Beach, appreciated the open space of the park and at the beach. She felt there is a place for automobiles in the park but that the speed limit should be 25 miles per hour as it is in the Presidio. If signage was placed at all entrances to the park informing drivers of the 25 mile per hour speed limit nobody would speed through Golden Gate Park. She said that automobile use on Lincoln and Fulton Streets needed to be addressed. She suggested that the old Delancey Street building on 8th and Fulton Streets should be converted into a garage for park visitors. She disapproved of the road closures near the golf course because golfers need to transport their equipment.

**Pete Holloran**, a member of the California Native Plant Society and a user of the park said it is difficult to balance the use of automobiles and the needs of people. He asked that the Commission abide by the democratic and open process that has taken place in the last 2 years developing the Master Plan and to forward it to environmental review.

**Bill Kastins**, thanked the Commission and park staff for their efforts and said that people can enjoy the park from a car window. As a member of the Museum Society he was quite familiar with the park and has shown groups of people the beautiful areas in the park on Sundays when there are less autos in the park. There are serious problems relating to cars, parking and access, and he empathized with most of those needs. He urged that the Master Plan be forwarded for environmental review and said that serious efforts were needed to improve public transit to the museums or the use of a shuttle service.



## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

### **Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Jim Rhoads**, a 20 year resident of the Haight Ashbury, supported the road closures that have been suggested in the Master Plan. He is a frequent user of the park and felt the Commission should make it difficult for people to drive through the park. He suggested the use of speed bumps to slow traffic in the park. He urged that the Plan be forwarded to environmental review so that the City Planning experts could analyze it. He also spoke in support of the Recycling Center and explained that he started going to the Center 10 years ago and was so impressed that he became a member of its Board. He thought it was important to consider the integration of the activities in the park and noted that the Park Police Station serves both the park and needs of the residents. The Recycling Center serves the needs of the community as well as the needs of Golden Gate Park.

**Martha Hoffman**, a homeowner, who lives 1/2 block from the park, voiced her strong support for the Recycling Center. She has joined the Board of Directors of HANC and volunteers a lot of her time. As a neighbor to the Center, she felt it was an appropriate use of the park space. She uses the park daily and while she drives through the park, she thought she should not be able to do so with such ease. She strongly supported the road closures and circulation plan and urged that the plan be forwarded to environmental review. She was frustrated to hear the statement that one cannot get to the institutions when they are accessible from 9th Avenue. She suggested that the Academy offer a free day one Sunday to encourage visitors.

**Harry Parker**, director of the Fine Arts Museums, participated in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan planning effort and commended everyone who worked on the process. It is a very difficult assignment to balance the many competing needs for Golden Gate Park. The Museums support the goals that have been set forth in the plan and made considerable adjustments to support the use of bicycles, public transit, slowing traffic, the 4 hour parking restriction even though it will cause disruption for the visitors, volunteers and staff. The Museums have made every effort to be cooperative but said the Saturday closure created a problem with diminished attendance. The museums offer a recreational and educational use and road closures diminish that public service. He wanted the environmental study of the Master Plan to include an analysis of the economic impact on the institutions from a Saturday road closure if that option were included in the Plan. He said that attendance levels for museums around the country climb from the early days of the week to the weekends and Sundays are the largest attendance days. This is not the case for San Francisco's museums.

**Richard Goss**, President of the Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums, commended staff for the hard work that has been put into the plan and knew the park would be better because of the planning effort. He opposed the Saturday closure and asked that the environmental review consider the economic impact on the museums from the Saturday road closure options. He also strongly preferred the option that provided parking along Hagiwara Drive.





## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, wanted to clarify a comment made earlier that the road closures and transportation measures are to be funded by the Bond issue. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan is a comprehensive document that covers all aspects of the parks and its management. In the comprehensive view the bond activities which include water supply distribution, lakes and reservoirs, water courses, utilities and rehabilitation of park features is a subset within the overall Master Plan. Other activities such as road closures, rehabilitation of buildings are included in the Master Plan but are not identified in the bond and will not be funded by the bond. Modifications to pathways to address disabled access are the type of items that would be funded through bond funds. She said it is important to understand that the Master Plan is subject to the public process and identifies the projects to which bond funds are eligible.

*Note for the Record: The Commission recessed the meeting from 8:20 p.m. 8:35 p.m.*

### **Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Clayton Mansfield**, representing the Sierra Club, asked if the park will be a place for people to get away, to enjoy the park or a place to get to one part of town to the other. He supported discouraging commuter traffic in the park. He did not want to deny the elderly or the disabled access from the facilities. The Sierra Club wants to begin to rid the park of cars that travel through the park. The institutions in the park provide a valuable cultural resource but are not the armature of the park. While it is important for park visitors to have access to the museums, the Sierra Club advocates improvements to public transportation and an internal park shuttle service to provide that access. Motor vehicle access to the museums is available via King Drive on weekends. The Sierra Club supported the Saturday closure of Kennedy Drive even though they sympathized with the institutions in the park.

**Tim English**, said he encounters a lot of cars and finds it difficult to find fresh air. He said disabled access is important but there is a lot of unnecessary traffic in the park. He, too, had spoken to the bison, who informed him that they want to go back to Montana.

**Charles d'Harcourt**, a San Francisco resident and park user commended the Commission and staff on their excellent work on the Master Plan. People come from all over the City and the world to visit the park and it is one of San Francisco's assets. The road closures will lessen traffic in the park. The museums are accessible through King Drive. He thought that access to the museums needed more publicity.

**Olga Mandrussow**, grew up in the Richmond District, and spoke in support of all the road closures, including the Saturday closure. She has visited major cities in the United States and the world and has never seen a park that has as much traffic as Golden Gate Park. She also has never seen a museum that allows people to drive directly to the front door.



## **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

### **Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Ed Dunn**, a staff member at the HANC Recycling Center, has been a volunteer or staff member at the Center since it opened. The tradition of providing an educational experience for school children continues almost 20 years later. The Center provides an important educational function to keep the environment clean which is compatible with the park's mission. He noted that the Recycling Center was included in the Kezar Master Plan and was considered an appropriate use in that Plan. HANC fought for the Parkview Housing Project and 40 residents from that complex have signed a petition in support of the Recycling Center. He referenced others that support the Center including a nearby yoga center and the Inner Sunset Neighborhood Association, and neighbors in the immediate area of the Recycling Center. He supported the road closures in the Master Plan and closed his comments by reading the definition of the word "recreation" from Webster's dictionary: "...refreshment of strength and spirits after work; to create again". He said this definition could apply to the park or the Recycling Center.

**John Laskin**, disagreed with the statement previously made that the environmental review will determine the impacts. He said the environmental review is just a legal requirement and a waste of a few \$100,000. He further explained that arrogance is telling a park user whether he/she should take public transportation or a car into the park. He did not think it was right to tell someone what to do and that people have reasons for using a car.

**Lynn Grano**, a homeowner in the Haight, said that recently the Embarcadero Freeway was torn down after a lot of heated opposition. Today nobody regrets that decision. Years ago there was a plan to connect Highway 101 through the Panhandle which was ultimately defeated. Nobody regrets that decision. He said if the City begins to close roads in the park, while accommodating the disabled and elderly, 20 years from now nobody will regret that decision.

**Jonathan Stern**, representing the Green Party and the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, has been working on the plan for 1-1/2 years and wanted it to be sent for environmental review. A lot of people have worked on this plan with the intent to balance the many issues. He urged that the Commission to forward the plan for the environmental review process. He said the park is one of the last existing wildlife habitats in the City. The park should be viewed with the original vision of William Hammond Hall and John McLaren: an urban retreat and sylvan pastoral environment.

**Eva Hue**, representing Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK), said that it voted a strong position of support for the Master Plan including the circulation element which will address vehicular traffic. She said the Plan was written after much discussion on every issue at numerous meetings. The Master Plan must be considered as a whole before any decisions are made on individual aspects to the Plan. She said the Commission should not make a final decision on controversial issues such as possible road closures until the EIR is completed. The EIR study will offer the best possible solution to traffic in the park.



**GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

**Public Testimony (Continued)**

**Vera Kraus**, said that open space is declining, and unreliable mass transit is fostering traffic congestion, noise and pollution. She thought that any steps that will help clean the air and create less traffic congestion in the park should be endorsed. She supported the plan and said if public transit ran every 5 minutes rather than every 20 minutes there would not be such a problem getting to the institutions. California is a car state, and more emphasis should be made on better mass transit. She suggested a 15 mile per hour speed limit in the park.

**David Ferguson**, a native San Franciscan and property owner in the City, was active in the last Golden Gate Park Master Plan process, completed 15 years ago. He said there was a need to compromise and felt that traffic should flow north to south. This option is available at Crossover Drive, Stanyan Street and the Great Highway. He did not want closures of 41st Avenue to 43rd Avenue, or South Fork Drive to maintain the flow of traffic. He favored closure of 30th but not of South Fork because people needed to cross the park. He hoped the environmental review would address these issues.

**Patrick Tierney**, said one of the challenges facing the Plan is to balance the needs of nearby residents with the tourists and others who are not familiar with the park. The park is a major attraction and is an important element to the City's economy. He did not think it was appropriate to limit access to the park without providing alternatives. He was not against closing roads provided there were alternatives. There is a need for an internal park shuttle, increased MUNI service, etc. It was unreasonable to consider this issue was somebody else's problem and to close roads without solutions. He further noted that 3/4 of the capital projects in the plan have no funding source identified and he thought it was time to consider how these items would be funded if the plan was going to be more than a wish list. He said the Conservancy approach is the only realistic option because the City will no longer fund the park as it did in the past.

**Bruno Walther**, said the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is bold and courageous and there has been cooperation throughout the process. He felt the non conforming use clause should be removed from the Recycling Center and supported it remaining in the park. He rides a bicycle every day in the park except for Sunday because there is so much bicycle congestion in the park on that day.

**Susan Arneson**, has been involved in the planning process for the past 1-1/2 years and felt the priority should be the park. The Plan does not inhibit access, nor exclude anyone from the park. It does help balance the needs of the park and she wanted the Plan embraced and viewed as an opportunity to improve the park. She said that everyone needed to collectively think of creative ideas to address the community's concerns. She encouraged the Commission to send the plan to the environmental review process so that improvements can begin in the park.



**GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

**Public Testimony (Continued)**

Jonathan Gervais, grew up on Fulton Street and his parents still live on this street. He said it is a raceway and when he exits his driveway he feels like he is backing out onto Sears' Point raceway. If more traffic was going to be placed on Fulton Street, serious mitigation measures will have to be implemented such as additional stop signs. If roads are closed in the park, the Commission must consider the impacts of the closures on the adjacent streets, such as Fulton.

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President Immendorf said the Commission must decide if any or all of the elements in the Plan should be included in the environmental review. Many of the proposed road closures will create problems on surrounding streets and it is difficult to determine those impacts. The environmental review process will answer some of those issues and will assist the Commission when it makes future decisions relating to Golden Gate Park.

He felt that the Plan should move forward with the exception of the closure of Kennedy Drive on Saturday. Everyone is aware of the impact on the institutions from the Sunday closure, however, he was more concerned about access to the institutions by the disabled, the elderly, and families with children. He further explained that when he was first appointed to the Commission one of the first issues raised was the poor public transit service to the park. He said the Commission must consider the need for improved MUNI service and/or shuttle service in the park. He favored the balance of the items in the Draft Master Plan. He urged his fellow commissioners to consider the elimination of the Saturday road closure from the Master Plan Draft.

Commissioner Farrow agreed with the statement of President Immendorf. She said the environmental review process will help the Commission make informed decisions that will benefit everyone.

Commissioner Sommer said the Commission has been informed about every step of the Master Planning process and has read the letters and articles received on this issue. The Commission is the watch dog for the park and even if it disagrees with a member of the public it does not mean that it doesn't care about the park.

Commissioner Sommer asked Ms. Learner if the crop rotation proposal will be feasible for the bison. Ms. Learner explained that staff suggested that the log storage area be returned to the bison and that the fenced area on the east be returned to the bison. Ms. Learner stated that staff had encouraged the implementation of crop rotation to see if it would work.





**GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

Commissioner Sommer wanted to amend the non-conforming use language for the HANC Recycling Center and proposed deleting the words, "when feasible alternative locations for these activities are identified and become available" in the fourth sentence. She also wanted to change the word "minimized" in the sixth sentence to "eliminated". She made a motion to that effect; Commissioner Rovetti seconded this motion.

President Immendorf pointed out that the proposed language had been agreed upon with the HANC Recycling Center staff and the Recreation and Park Department. The Commission unanimously approved amending the non-conforming use language relating to the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center.

Mr. Arnold said if the Commission wanted to place a time period on when the Recycling Center should relocate it should be discussed at the Commission meeting scheduled on 9/22/94 as the Recycling Center permit is one of the items calendared for consideration.

Commissioner Chan felt the timeline issue for the Recycling Center should be discussed at the 9/22/94 Commission meeting. He further explained that he had mixed emotions about the Saturday closure and said if the entire plan was not forwarded to City Planning for environmental review it would be unfair considering the time and energy that has been put in the Master Plan. He thought the entire plan should be forwarded for environmental review.

Commissioner Rovetti explained he has looked at skaters, bicyclists and the museums in the park. He felt the issue was about educating young people. He said the institutions are providing a valuable educational experience for young people and that those learning institutions should be preserved. He is a senior citizen and was concerned about the disabled. He was also a businessman and said his driver would have to go around the City in order to deliver goods if some of the road closures were implemented.

Commissioner Rovetti made a motion to forward the Golden Gate Park Master Plan to environmental review with deletion of the language pertaining to the Saturday closure options and with the amended non-conforming use language for the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center. Commissioner Farrow seconded this motion.

Vice President Mazzola said that he could not support the motion even though it was his opinion that the Saturday closure would be too cumbersome. He felt that the Plan should be forwarded for environmental review so that the planners could study the entire project and inform the Commission of their findings regarding a Saturday closure in the park.



**GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16958**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves forwarding the Draft Golden Gate Park Master Plan to environmental review with the following amendments:

- Deletion of any consideration of Saturday closure options (Kennedy Drive: Kezar Drive to 8th Avenue and Kennedy Drive: Stow Lake Drive to Transverse Drive)
- Incorporation of the following language identifying the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center as a non-conforming use of park land.

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, located in Golden Gate Park, is part of the City and County of San Francisco's Source Reduction and Recycling Element of the Solid Waste Master Plan. The Center receives recyclables from businesses and the surrounding neighborhoods and as such is a non-conforming use of the Park. The Center also provides recycling services to the Park, collecting recyclable materials on a regular basis and at special events. The non-park serving activities should eventually be phased out. In the interim, the Center should increase its benefits to the Park. While the Recycling Center is located on Park property, the Center's activities should be focused on the recycling needs of Golden Gate Park and the immediate neighborhoods and material collected from other parts of the City should be eliminated. Additional measures should be taken to reduce the noise and visual impact of the Recycling Center on the Park and neighborhood.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Sommer

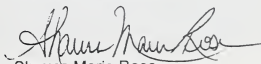
**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Note for the Record: No additional public comment was received.*

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary



San Francisco, California  
September 22, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

696TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Sixth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 22, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti (noted present at 2:30 p.m.)  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 13, 1994 and the Regular Meeting of July 21, 1994, were approved as presented.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz, Sommer  
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

*EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION* As part of the Department's ongoing Employee Recognition Program, the Park Division has nominated the North Beach Complex employees of the Neighborhood Parks Division for consistently delivering superior services to the park users of their area of the City. James Holt, supervisor of the North Beach Complex, is here to accept the certificate of appreciation on behalf of his crew. Michael Morlin, Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, will make the presentation.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*BUDGET UPDATE* The Mayor has submitted to the Board of Supervisors a plan to reduce the City's budget by approximately \$9 million. The effect on the Recreation and Park Department would be a reduction of \$233,679. The reductions consist of \$168,079 from salaries and fringe benefits and \$65,600 from capital projects. The Mayor's proposal is being considered by the Board of Supervisors.

*ANONYMOUS GIFT* The media has reported the receipt of a gift in the amount of approximately \$1.6 million from an anonymous donor. The gift was made to the Friends of Recreation and Parks. The work being undertaken with this gift consists of court resurfacing, planting of trees in neighborhood parks, replacement of panic hardware at recreation centers and restoration of natural habitat areas. As these projects are completed, they will be brought to the Commission as gifts in place for receipt and approval by the Commission.

*LAKE MERCED* On August 2, 1994, the water level at Lake Merced was 13.67 feet. Between August 2 and August 28, the San Francisco Water Department added water to the lake on two occasions, bringing the water level to 15.84 feet. As of today, the water level stands at 15.36 feet.

*PINE LAKE* The most recent Department of Public Health test of Pine Lake, conducted on September 14, 1994, still shows slight positive results for ammonia, uric acid and detergent—all indicators of a possible sewage contamination. The most recent test shows significant reductions in the amount since the original test in late July, indicating a single occurrence. Given these results, Department of Public Health water pollution signs are still posted on the lake edge. The Department of Public Health will continue to test the water in Pine Lake until further notice.

The Department of Public Works' Sewer Repair Division continues to test residential sewer lines near the Pine Lake area. All of the Recreation and Park sewers have been tested and no leaks were found, giving greater possibility to a one-time occurrence. Since the occurrence, the Health Department and representatives from the Park and Recreation Divisions have met to implement new emergency response procedures and annual testing for all of the lakes in our system.

*BEACH CHALET* Staff has entered into negotiations with Gregory Truppelli, Lara Graham Truppelli and Timon Malloy with the intention of signing a long-term lease for the establishment and operation of the Beach Chalet Restaurant & Brewery on the second floor of the Beach Chalet building. Preliminary investigations have been conducted, and staff hopes to have a proposed agreement to present to the Commission in November.

*SERRA SCULPTURE* The Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco voted last week to restore the original reflecting pool built in the parking area in front of the Legion of Honor in the 1920's. The Board's decision precludes the placement of the Serra sculpture at that site. The pool restoration and other parking lot improvements will come before you for approval.





### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*SERV-A-THON* The San Francisco Conservation Corps' annual Serv-a-thon takes place on Saturday, October 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is an opportunity for people from all walks of life to come together to work in parks and neighborhoods throughout San Francisco. Some of the selected sites include Golden Gate Park, Lake Merced, Boeddeker Park and Stern Grove. At your places is a brochure that will explain how you can provide your support physically or monetarily or both.

*RANDALL MUSEUM* At your places is a copy of an article from the July 27 edition of The San Francisco Bay Guardian, which announces that the Randall Museum has been named the "Best Little Live-Animal Museum" in their 20th annual "Best of the Bay" awards.

*SF TEEN* At your places you will find the September/October 1994 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City. Check out page 7, "The Top Ten Reasons Why SF Teen is Better than The Chronicle."

*FALL/WINTER GUIDE* At your places you will find the Recreation and Park Department's Fall/Winter Guide. In addition to being an insert in the September 13 edition of the San Francisco Independent, the guide has been distributed to all recreation centers and branch libraries. It contains information on fall and winter programs and special events as well as a pull-out directory that lists all Recreation and Park Department facilities, including address, telephone number and the programs and activities available at the sites.

*LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE* The cover of the August 1994 issue of Golf Today features Lincoln Park Golf Course's 17th hole with this notation: "Golfers always think about traveling afar to exotic golf courses to experience the unique. There's nothing wrong with that. However, in everyone's area, there are municipal courses with thrills enough for everyone. Such is the case of Lincoln Park Golf Course in San Francisco which has, on Hole #17, the Golden Gate Bridge as its background. Absolutely magnificent!"

*ACADEMY OF SCIENCES* The Academy of Sciences will be holding its first Camp Academy Reunion on September 30. Camp Academy, now in its second year, is a week-long science camp coordinated in collaboration with the Recreation and Park Department's playground and latchkey sites. Over a six-week period this summer, a total of 190 children from 15 sites came to the Academy. In addition, the Academy's Supervan Outreach Program visited 14 of our sites, bringing science presentations to another 325 children.

*GENERAL MANAGER'S VACATION* I will be away from the office on vacation, October 3 through October 7. During my absence, Phil Arnold will serve as Acting General Manager.

*NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION URBAN PARK AND RECREATION ALLIANCE* I will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress taking place October 12-16, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As president of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance (an organization composed of the managers of the 44 largest urban park districts in the United States and Canada), I will be chairing the fall meeting which will be held on the day before the NRPA conference gets underway. The emphasis of the organization is problem solving and information sharing. We will also be meeting with representatives of the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Foundation regarding the National Park Academy they are interesting in forming.



Recreation and Park Commission Minutes  
September 22, 1994

### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS* The following claims, under \$5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of August 1994:

•Luna, Lupe J	\$ 215.00	•Seibel, Sandra	\$ 153.50
•Wallace, Gentrye	377.01	•Granville, Junius	842.30
•Chen, Amanda Y.	237.87	•Hensley, Kelly	365.92
•Van Koughnett, Kathryn	283.28	•Scragg, Susan	100.00
•Graham, Rodrigo	171.05	•Brownstein, David	91.01
•Kneitel, Alan	1,383.55	•Zopfi, John	4,056.84
•Hawthorne, Mary Ann	1,063.13	•Bianco, John	4,999.00
•Garvens, Derek K.	168.44	•Tam, Candy	700.00
•Lateiner, Vera	5,000.00		

#### *DATES TO REMEMBER*

Wednesday, September 28, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; Sunset Recreation Center, 28th Avenue & Lawton Street
Saturday, October 1, 1994	San Francisco Serv-a-thon; 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; various parks and neighborhoods throughout San Francisco
Saturday, October 1, 1994	Primitive Plant Garden dedication; 10:00 a.m.; Strybing Arboretum
Tuesday, October 4, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, October 5, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, October 6, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Friday, October 7, 1994	Columbus Day Luncheon; 12:00 p.m.; Stern Grove
Monday, October 10, 1994	Columbus Day Holiday
Friday, October 14, 1994	Joint Commission, Children's Budget; 2:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Chambers, City Hall

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:



#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

##### a. PERSONNEL MATTERS

RES. NO. 16959

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period July 4, 1994 through September 1, 1994.

##### b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES. NO. 16960

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

**PURCHASED FROM:** Mesker Park Zoo  
2421 Bement Avenue  
Evansville, IN 47720-5500, USDA 32-C-011  
Two (2) Female Pygmy Marmosets, valued  
at \$600 for the Pair

**PURCHASED FROM:** R. Miller, DVM  
5700 SW 130th Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33330, USDA 58-A-11  
One (1) Male and One (1) Female Saddlebill  
Storks, valued at \$15,000 for the pair

**DONATION FROM:** Marine World  
Marine World Parkway  
Vallejo, CA 94584  
One (1) California King Snake, sex unknown

**DONATION FROM:** Rick and Nancy Jones  
Wildlife Rehabilitation, 9409 N. Highway #3  
Fort Jones, CA 96032  
One (1) Female River Otter

**DONATION FROM:** Lee Schmidt  
839 Grayson Lane  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
One (1) Male Emu

**DONATION TO:** Henson Robinson Zoo  
1100 East Lake Drive  
Springfield, IL 62707-8926, USDA 33-C-035  
One (1) Male Emperor Tamarin

**DONATION TO:** Randall Museum  
199 Museum Way  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
One (1) European Starling, Sex Unknown

**DONATION TO:** Randall Museum  
199 Museum Way  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
One (1) Common Raven, Sex Unknown

##### c. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTION AGREEMENT

RES. NO. 16961

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Gardens Animal Transaction Agreement.

##### d. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND SQUARES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS

RES. NO. 16962

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the application of funds through the 1995 Community Development Block Grant Program for renovation of children's play areas at the following neighborhood parks and installation of a fence at Koshland Park:

- Chinese Recreation Center
- Jose Coronado Playground
- Visitacion Valley Playground

- Gilman Playground
- Koshland Park (Fence)
- Herz Playground
- Mission Playground



#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

##### e. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

RES. NO. 16963

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$82,616.73 for the Recreation and Park Department:

- 1) From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$2,500.00, for Park Maintenance.
- 2) From San Francisco Recreation and Park Municipal Softball Association, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$4,066.73, for softball field maintenance.
- 3) From Ikebana International, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$5,000.00, for the Reforestation Program.
- 4) From Bill Graham Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$300.00, for the Teen Newspaper Fund.
- 5) From Bill Graham Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$5,000.00, for the Reforestation Program.
- 6) From the Conservatory Foundation, a gift in place of plant display benches, valued at \$42,500.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.
- 7) From Northern California Grant Makers, \$23,250.00, to supplement the Department's summer programs at various recreation centers and playgrounds.

##### j. GOLDEN GATE PARK STOW LAKE BOATHOUSE BICYCLE /SKATE RENTAL CONCESSION

RES. NO. 16964

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the sub-leasing of the Stow Lake Boathouse bicycle and skate rental agreement to Brian McInerney by Stow Lake Corporation.

*Note for the Record: Items 4f, 4g and 4h were removed from the Consent Calendar and considered individually.*

##### f. CANDLESTICK PARK OPERATION OF PARKING LOT #6 - PARCEL 4977

Ratification of permit of operation for Parking Lot #6 (parcel 4977) at Candlestick Park.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that at the beginning of baseball season there was an issue pertaining to the dirt parking lots surrounding Candlestick Park and how they were operated and let. Lot 6, a small lot, which holds about 40 cars, is property of Recreation and Park. Staff informed the Commission several months ago that the lot would be competitively bid. The Department received 4 bids and City Park was the highest bidder. The item before the Commission is ratification of award of the bid to City Park. City Park bid \$6.12 per car and the next highest bid was \$4.91. Mr. Arnold recommended approval.





f. **CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**OPERATION OF PARKING LOT #6 - PARCEL 4977 (Continued)**

Commissioner Sommer explained that she could not approve this item based on principle, explaining that the traffic to and from the paved parking lot and the dirt lots does not flow properly. Commissioner Sommer attended a game recently and was forced to go around the entire stadium in order to enter the proper parking lot gate because she found herself in the wrong lane. Because of the traffic congestion and various barricades, it took her 40 minutes to maneuver around the stadium. She said the traffic flow does not work and felt it was improper to charge people high fees to park at the stadium.

President Immendorf said that traffic flow is a problem and that he has asked both the Giants and the 49ers to review the traffic program at the stadium.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16965**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the permit of operation for Parking Lot #6 (Parcel 4977) at Candlestick Park to City Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

g. **INDIA BASIN PARK**  
**AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Approval of award of contract for India Basin Park to Marinship Construction Services, Inc./Ghilotti Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$549,880 for construction of Phase I for India Basin Shoreline Park.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that this item is approval of a construction contract that was competitively bid by the Department of Public Works on the behalf of Recreation and Park Department. The low bid is a contractor that is known to the Department and who has satisfactorily completed Recreation and Park projects.

Vice President Mazzola explained that it was his understanding that the Human Rights Commission and the Department of Public Works seek minority and women businesses, known as MBE/WBE contractors. He asked if this was a MBE/WBE contract and where the firm was located. He was aware that Marinship was based in Marin County and questioned the reasoning to award contracts to firms outside the City. He asked staff to provide the business address for all of the contracts in future reports to the Commission.

Mr. Arnold explained that it was his belief that Marinship Construction Services was a minority business and he did not know where the firm was located. He further explained that the City awards a 5% preference for local businesses.



**g. INDIA BASIN PARK**  
**AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16966**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the award of contract for India Basin Park to Marinship Construction Services, Inc./Ghilotti Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$549,880 for construction of Phase I for India Basin Shoreline Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

**h. MARINA GREEN**  
**PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**  
**PLACEMENT OF PUSH CARTS**

Approval of placement of one push cart each at Little Marina Green and Portsmouth Square Plaza.

President Immendorf said he has received inquiries from businesses in the Marina and residents regarding push carts. He said only one permit has been issued for a push cart yet there are numerous vendors at the Marina. There was concern raised that the kiosk at the Marina, where food and beverages were previously sold, is now closed. The neighbors are not pleased about having another push cart at the Marina.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that non-licensed vendors are a problem. However, if the Department does not issue a push cart permit it will invite non-licensed vendors to use the area. The proposal is to locate the push cart in the Western end of the Marina Green, although staff could specify that it be placed near the closed kiosk. Mr. Arnold said the kiosk does not meet Fire Code standards and there is a future construction project for the seawall at the Marina, due to take 2-3 years to complete, which may extend the kiosk closure.

President Immendorf asked that the Marina push cart be removed from consideration because of the issues he raised.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16966**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the placement of one push cart at Portsmouth Square and deferred taking action on the push cart at the Little Marina Green.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Rovetti



i. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**CONSERVATORY EXTENSION OF HOURS**

Approval to authorize staff to adjust public hours at the Conservatory of Flowers.

*Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.*

k. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**de YOUNG MUSEUM**  
**PARKING AREA IMPROVEMENTS**

Approval of improvements to parking area adjacent to the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park.

*Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.*

*Note for the Record: 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Rovetti arrived at the meeting.*

**GENERAL CALENDAR**

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)**  
**RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT**

Approval of continuation of HANC's recycling operation for one year with two 1-year options retroactive to July 1, 1994.

**Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold**, explained that the item before the Commission is a permit to operate the Recycling Center which has been at the Kezar corner for 15 years. Since last year, the Center has been operating on a month-to-month permit while staff tried to develop compromise language which has now been agreed to by both HANC and the Department. The terms of the permit would give the Recycling Center a one year permit retroactive to 7/1/94 with 2 annual renewals subject to review and approval by the Commission. The permit fee is \$4300 a year which would increase annually with Consumer Price Index. A security deposit, insurance, and a plan of operation are also conditions of the permit.

The Center has agreed to assist the Department in developing a comprehensive recycling plan for Golden Gate Park and is already performing some recycling functions in the park. The Center has agreed to improve its appearance by screening off the Frederick Street exit and also will provide monthly recycling services to McLaren Lodge, the Annex Building and the County Fair Building. The Center has also agreed to perform in-kind services by assisting in volunteer activities and waste handling services. The Center has agreed to adopt the Kezar triangle by providing 2 annual clean-up parties and 2 off-site clean-up dates at other park sites.

Staff informed the Center that if it intends to be located on park property it should focus more of its efforts on Golden Gate Park where it resides and on the immediate neighborhood. There is no termination date of when the Center should be removed from the present site. Staff wanted to meet with the Recycling Center staff to discuss this issue and have the Commission consider it at a later date.



**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK****HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)  
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)**

**Robert Haley**, representing the San Francisco Recycling Program, said the City's goal is to reduce and recycle 50% of the City's waste by the year 2000. Cities that do not reach this mandate may face a fine of \$10,000 per day. The HANC Recycling Center assists the City's recycling program and it actively contributes to the City's goals. HANC assists residents and others who are not served by the City's curbside recycling program. HANC helps educate the public regarding recycling and waste reduction alternatives and is a full service Recycling Center that accepts a range of materials and provides options that complement the efforts of other service providers. The City's Recycling Program supported HANC and urged the Commission to approve the permit.

**Terry Rolleri**, a native San Francisco and home owner in the Richmond District, said as long as he can remember he has recycled at the HANC Recycling Center. He preferred HANC because it was recycling before it was fashionable or profitable and their goals are to reduce the volume of material being landfilled. He did not put his faith in the City's recycling program. He supported the Recycling Center, transported his recyclable material on a bicycle with a trailer, and enjoyed the ride through the park. If the Commission wanted HANC out of the park then it should work with them to identify another space of a similar size in the immediate area. On a separate issue, he stated that a bicycle rack should be installed at McLaren Lodge in place of the numerous parking places.

**Karen Crommie**, President of the Cole Valley Improvement Association, commended the Commission for its recommendation to identify the Recycling Center as a non-conforming use in Golden Gate Park. With regard to relocation of the Center, she felt HANC would begin that process when the Commission gives them a cut-off date. Year after year the Recycling Center is given a permit which is unfair to the neighbors who oppose the permit. She strongly suggested the Commission take decisive action by giving the Center a one year permit without possibility of renewal.

**Dennis Antenore**, representing the Inner Sunset Neighborhood Association and the Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee, explained that both organizations have voted unanimously to support the continued location of HANC Recycling Center at its present site. Members from both organizations use the Center and find it a convenient and useful addition to the community. He did not understand why there is an issue about relocating it because the site does not lend itself to other significant recreational use. The people who live across the street from the Center have enthusiastically spoken in support of the continued location of the Recycling Center and are the most impacted by the issues relating to noise and traffic from the Center. He said that any action by the Commission which may lead to closing of the center may trigger the need for an environmental impact report.

**Joan Downey**, appreciated that Commission's action of 9/21/94 calling the Center a non conforming use of Golden Gate Park. The people operating the Center are trying to mitigate the noise and the congestion in the area but it is a large industrial use in the park and little can be done to address these issues. She was concerned that the Center trucked in material to the park and felt that material should be brought to another site. Since curbside recycling began, the Center has been collecting recycled material from commercial establishments, trucking it into the park and using the park as a holding area.





**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK****HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)  
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)**

**John Carmona**, an operation manager for the Southern Humboldt Recycling Center, voiced his support for the Center. The Recycling Center does more than recycle and the curbside recycling program only transfers goods to create a profit. The Recycling Center sees where the material will go. He felt there was not enough room at the Center and if more space was given to the Center they would be able to keep more items out of landfills, the basic goal of recycling.

**Estela Becerra**, lives directly across the street from the Recycling Center and while she supported the recycling effort, she thought it was time to consider relocation of the Center. She felt it was an inappropriate use of park land and was happy the Commission adopted non-conforming language on 9/21/94. She felt park land should be used for much needed recreational uses. She felt that there was not a need to have a large industrial business in a residential area. The area is now very congested and dense and the transporting of materials adds to that problem. She urged the Commission to consider relocating the Center.

**Sean Streiff**, lives 1-1/2 blocks from the Center, and he rarely hears any noise from the Center. He saw very little traffic coming in and out of the Center and the trucks seen are carrying materials from local businesses.

**Dorrie Huntington**, a resident of San Francisco, lives directly across the street from the Recycling Center and has spoken on this issue on several occasions. She said there is tremendous support for the Recycling Center and at one meeting over 200 people spoke in support of the Center. She felt the Center was an asset to the community and submitted a letter of support from residents of the Parkview Commons Housing Development, who live directly across the street. She urged the Commission to support the continued operation of the Center at its current location.

**Kevin Drew**, the manager of the HANC Recycling Center, submitted 400 signatures gathered in the last 3 weeks in support of Recycling Center as well as numerous letters. He referred to a letter from the Yoga Center that is located directly across the street, stating that the Center does not have a negative impact on its meditative work, as well as the Stern Grove Festival thanking the Recycling Center for its recycling efforts at the last 4 summer festival events. The HANC Board gives a lot to the Center and to the community. There is overwhelming support for the Center and they work with those who oppose it to mitigate the issues. He believed there was a way to have the HANC Recycling Center, the neighborhood, the park, and the Recreation and Park Department all succeed. He urged the Commission to support the permit.

**Sheila Davis**, representing State Senator Milton Marks, said the Senator has patronized the Center for years and supported HANC. She said there is a state mandate to reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfills and HANC is an important activity for the City. She read Senator Marks' letter of support for the Center to remain in its present location.



**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)**  
**RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)**

**Donna Gouse**, member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, spoke in support of the Center and asked that it remain at its present location. The Center complements the City's curbside program because there are many residents who prefer to take their recyclables to a community based non-profit organization that is convenient to where they live. Residents have been coming to the Center for many years and there should be more recycling centers that are community based.

**Ed Dunn**, works at the Recycling Center, and explained that this year the Center negotiated with the Department on issues to minimize the impacts of the Center, to improve the aesthetics of the Center, and to provide more service to the park. Last night at the Commission's special meeting, he was discouraged to hear the Commission change the agreed upon language. He hoped the Commission did not change the permit that took a year to negotiate and urged that the permit be approved. He said the Center plays a positive role for the City, the community, and the park. If the Commission wanted to remove all non conforming uses in the park there are many examples of such uses other than the Recycling Center.

**James Beck**, lives and work in the Haight Ashbury. He believed that the park needed to take a strong stand on recycling and that it should be part of its mission. HANC provides free recycling to the park and should be considered part of the park operations. Therefore it could be seen as a conforming use. When HANC is being asked to relocate it is calling for the elimination of the Center. The location of the Center does not spare the enjoyment of the natural areas of the park. It is the best use of that space in the park.

**Calvin Welch**, speaking for the Ecumenical Ministry in the Haight Ashbury, was an original founder of the HANC Recycling Center which began at Grattan School and was part of their educational program. Later they moved to the Kezar parking lot and finally moved to its current location. He reminded the Commission that when the Kezar Corner Master Plan was developed, neighbors and community organizations studied alternate locations and configurations for the Center. It was staff's recommendation, at that time, that the Center remain and 2 environmental reviews have raised no problems with traffic, noise or toxic waste. The Center has continued to exist and perform a neighborhood service. He reminded the Commission that the community pays a price for some of the events held in the park and that everyone needed to work together. This Center is providing the Department and the City more free services than any other single contractor. He said only a handful of neighbors are opposed to the Center. He urged the Commission to grant its continued use at the present location.

**Anthony Von der Muhl**, chair of the HANC Recycling Committee, said in this time of fiscal crisis, it does not make sense for this Commission to set an arbitrary date for the eviction of the Center which saves the Department money directly, saves City money directly, and is part of the City's plan to prevent the imposition of \$10,000 a day fine from the State for failing to meet its recycling goals. It does not make sense to kick the Center out without any notion of what could go in this site. He hoped the Commission would include the community in any discussions about use of this site. The community has spoken in support for 15 years, provided ample letters of support and public testimony. He challenged those who complain about the Center's negative impact to come up with the volume of support shown for the Center. He said it is the best site for this use and the best use of this site.



**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK****HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)  
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)**

**Lena Emmery**, explained that she has lived in the Haight for the last 30 years and appreciated the strong stand taken by the Commission on 9/21/94 stating the Center is a non-conforming use of the park. She said the Center has been in the park for 14 years and questioned why they did not start recycling programs in the park many years ago if they had a strong mandate to serve the park. She said that recycling is a big business.

**Brad Benson**, representing the League of Conservation Voters, read a letter from the League expressing its support for the Center, noting that it is an important buyback, drop off and educational resource for the neighborhood and for the City. HANC provides special recycling services and regular collection in Golden Gate Park. The Center performs a clean-up service to the Kezar Stadium area. HANC provides environmental education which raises very important questions about its current status as a non conforming use. These issues deserve further discussion and a lot more consideration prior to any action to remove the Center from its site. Presently there is no available site in the immediate area that can offer similar access and service to the neighborhood of the park. His organization supported HANC's continuing efforts to mitigate noise, to maintain a clean operation and to respond to community's concern. He urged the Commission to support the permit without any unnecessary amendments and maintain the City's largest non-profit community recycling Center. The City landfills 650 tons of garbage every year and removal of the Center will create a bad legacy for Recreation and Park.

**Martha Hoffman**, a homeowner in the Haight since 1975, lives 1 block from the park and 3 blocks from the Center. She strongly supported the Recycling Center and felt it was an appropriate use at its present site. She joined the HANC Board of Directors and gives a lot of her time to community service. She took time off from work to voice her support for the Center and asked the Commission to approve the permit and the continuation of the Center at its present site.

**Charles Canepa**, was pleased to hear the Commission's vote of 9/21/94 regarding the Recycling Center. He lives near the Center and did not favor the Center in its current state being on that site. He hoped that the Commission would place some caveats about the Center's operation to limit the material that is brought in.

Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the permit is for one year, annually renewable at the Commission's option. Staff reached an understanding with HANC that they would recommend approval of the Recycling Center remaining at the present site if they satisfied a number of conditions. He further stated that the term "lease" and "permit" have been used when discussing this issue but the item before the Commission is clearly an annual permit.

Commissioner Sommer said she was not opposed to the concept of recycling but she was concerned about the location of the Center. Previous Commission action removed the Goodwill Donation bin at the Marina parking lot even though it yearly raised \$30,000+ and employed 10 homeless people a year. No one wanted to remove it but the Commission took that necessary step because it was a non conforming use of park property. That vote set a precedent and the Commission has to be consistent. The Recycling Center must be viewed in the same way. The first issue she voted on as a commissioner was the Recycling Center and there was promises that it was going to be more attractive and less noisy and she has not noticed vast improvements to the appearance.



**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)  
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)**

Commissioner Sommer said if the park was such a big concern of HANC why is it only now that they are taking a more active role. There can also be a use of that site such as a par course or basketball court. One of the letters of support received was from the Oakland International Airport, Airport Traffic Control Tower. She wondered if the HANC Recycling Center was the closest facility and why did the neighbors have to absorb the impact from Oakland. She noted that very little money comes to the Department from the Center, only \$4300 a year, and asked how that figure was developed. She said the Kezar Master Plan was adopted before the Center expanded and that the Center had to expand its program to generate more income to support the many causes and programs it offers and funds.

Commissioner Ruiz said that Commissioner Sommer was correct about inconsistencies such as the Goodwill Donation Station at the Marina Green. He recalled when the Commission considered the issue of the Panhandle being used as a parking lot for a nearby church. The Commission found it to be an inappropriate use of park land. He said the non conforming use issue of the HANC Recycling Center has surfaced again and again and yet no consensus has been reached. Now, the Commission finds the Center non-conforming, yet staff is recommending a 3 year permit. Throughout the years, the Center has promised to take care of issues raised by those who voice their concern about the Center and yet it never ceases. He questioned the sincerity or the willingness of the Center to work with the community. He did not dismiss the value of the Recycling Center but felt it did not belong in the park.

Commissioner Ruiz made a motion to approve a 1 year permit with the understanding that HANC will look for another site. Commissioner Mazzola seconded the motion.

Commissioner Chan said he has been on the Commission as long as Commissioner Ruiz and every year the Commission wrestles with this particular item. The last 2 weeks he has heard a lot about this Center. The Finance and Candlestick Committee recommended approval with the caveat that the permit will be yearly reviewed. He wanted to see a final contract termination date informing HANC to look for an alternate location in a reasonable period of time. He felt more comfortable establishing a date when the Recycling Center should begin to look for a place to relocate.

President Immendorf said that this issue keeps returning to the Commission and although he supported recycling it was becoming apparent that the clock was running on whether or not HANC will be able to stay in the Kezar location forever. He further explained that staff and HANC have spent many months trying to reach agreement and that he would be willing to visit the issue again next year. He felt that HANC now understands that the Commission is expecting HANC to make some effort to find another location.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he has been on the Commission for a year and this issue has been raised frequently. He supported recycling but did not believe it belonged in the park and felt the park should not be used as an industrial site. He agreed with Commissioner Ruiz's motion.





**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)**  
**RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)**

Mr. Arnold explained that over the past year, the Recycling Center has focused more of its efforts on the park and has done more recycling in Golden Gate Park than in the past. The language adopted by the Commission on 9/21/94, which called their operation a non conforming use, specifies the non-park activities. Staff would like to see the Center reduce its commercial recycling activity. The Center has pledged to perform more volunteer activities for the Department, and to be more park serving than it is today. If the Recycling Center can make this transition and keep recycling on a local level, the Commission may change its view on the Recycling Center. There is a good faith commitment in the permit to perform more park related activities which is not covered by the non conforming use language adopted by the Commission on 9/21/94.

Commissioner Farrow was inclined to approve the permit for one year with 2 one year options because the Commission still had the option to deny renewal of the permit.

Vice President Mazzola explained that he was worried that there would be political pressure on the Commission each year to renew the Recycling Center lease. He did not know how big the operation was at the center, nor the number of employees or volunteers it employed, but if materials were being trucked in to the Center it could be viewed as direct competition to the City's scavenger service (Nor Cal) and considered improper. He questioned the City receiving \$360 a month in rent for use of the land and thought the fair market value should be assessed for this land. He felt there should be a final contract termination date and it should be one year. He did not think it was proper for the City to be involved in this kind of business since they are in competition with the City's scavenger service.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question asking if a City Attorney's opinion had been sought on this issue, Mr. Arnold said that it was his personal opinion that some of the Center's activities were very compatible to the park and others were not. The items HANC has promised to do in the future will provide a service to the park, would be park serving, and beneficial to the Recreation and Park Department. If the Center becomes park serving, it could be viewed similarly to the Department's maintenance yard.

President Immendorf asked the Commission to consider at least a one year option to be fair. Commissioner Chan said that if the Commission granted a one year permit retroactive to 7/1/94, it would only be giving the Recycling Center a 9 month permit.

Commissioner Ruiz was willing to amend the motion so that it would be a 2 year agreement, retroactive to 7/1/94 provided the Center showed proof that efforts were made to find a new site by an agreed upon date. Commissioner Rovetti was willing to support the amendment provided that 60 days before the end of 1994 HANC would give evidence that they have tried to find a new site. Vice President Mazzola did not support the amendment, however, he was willing to consider an amendment to make the term of the permit 10/1/94 to 10/1/95. Commissioner Ruiz did not accept this amendment.



**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)**  
**RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)**

The motion to approve a one year permit with no option to renew failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Mazzola, Rovetti

Noes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

Commissioner Chan made a motion to grant a permit retroactive 7/1/94 for 2 years ending 6/30/96 with no option to renew. Commissioner Farrow seconded this motion.

Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the renewal provisions in the permit provides that HANC must inform Recreation and Park 120 days before the expiration date of its request to renew; the Commission is required to notify HANC 60 days before the expiration date whether it will renew the permit.

Vice President Mazzola wanted to amend the motion by adding a clause directing staff to seek an opinion from the City Attorney or Real Estate Department analyzing the \$360 per month rent and ascertain whether it is a proper charge for the use of City property. If it is not, the rent should then be raised to fair market value. He questioned the legality of approving a permit with such a minimal rent. He did not know of any City property that could be rented for this rate and felt it was his fiduciary responsibility to check if the Commission was acting properly. A discussion ensued regarding this proposed amendment and the time frame it would take to receive an opinion. Commissioner Rovetti said the proper rate should be charged for the land. Commissioner Chan did not agree to this amendment.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16968**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one year permit to the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center retroactive to 7/1/94 with a one year option.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Mazzola, Rovetti, Sommer

Vice President Mazzola made a motion to ask for an opinion from the appropriate City agency asking if the property can be leased for \$360 a month and if it should be raised to fair market value. Commissioner Rovetti seconded that motion. Commissioner Chan was concerned that this motion would jeopardize the terms of the permit just approved by the Commission. Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the \$360 figure is a permit fee rather than rental fee for park land.

THE MOTION FAILED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Mazzola, Rovetti

Noes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

**3:55 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. the Commission recessed. Commissioner Farrow left the meeting.**



**6. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
LEASE AMENDMENT**

Approval of sixth amendment to stadium lease with San Francisco Giants.

*Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.*

**7. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SCOREBOARD OPERATING AGREEMENT  
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT**

Approval of third amendment to Candlestick Park Scoreboard Operating Agreement.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that this item was forwarded to the Commission without recommendation because there were a few items that were unresolved between the Giants and the Department. Those items have now been resolved. The intent of this amendment is to delineate the compensation for operation of the scoreboard. The Giants operate the scoreboard for both baseball and football at Candlestick Park. Sony pays the City \$300,000 for operation of the scoreboard and the intent is to have the operating costs not exceed that dollar amount. In preparing this amendment the Giants raised a few other issues which Mr. Arnold explained:

- ① There would be extra payment available to the Giants in an event of a football playoff;
- ② The Giants want the agreement to reflect that Sony is obligated to maintain the scoreboard equipment;
- ③ The Giants want a clause that any extraordinary non-operating expenses such as new equipment or equipment replacement which would affect the operation of the scoreboard would be allowed above the \$300,000 cost, subject to approval by the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that extraordinary expenses does not include breakage of equipment. The Giants insure the equipment and it is their responsibility to replace it if it is broken. Sony pays for the regular maintenance of the equipment but if additional cameras were required, this amendment would provide for that expenditure. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the amendment provided the operating costs of the scoreboard do not exceed the \$300,000 received from Sony.

On recommendation of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16969**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the third amendment to Candlestick Park Scoreboard Operating Agreement.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer  
Absent: Commissioner Farrow



**8. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING AGREEMENT**

Approval of Scoreboard Advertising Agreement with the San Francisco Giants.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that this item is an advertising agreement with the Giants affecting the Scoreboard Agreement. The Sony Agreement allows the Giants and the 49ers to sell non-competitive advertising on the jumbotron and matrix boards subject to an agreement with the City. The 49ers signed a scoreboard advertising agreement 2 years ago but the Giants have not. The agreement with the Giants is virtually identical to the one signed by the 49ers with a few changes:

- ① The Giants would be allowed to sell individual advertising up to 1 minute in duration.
- ② Under the 49ers' agreement a script of what will be displayed on the jumbotron matrix board is given to the Department for each game. The Giants have 81 games and feel presenting a script for each of those games would be burdensome. They have agreed to keep a log of all advertising that will be subject to inspection by the City at any time.

Commissioner Sommer asked if there was any restriction on advertising such as tobacco advertising and if there were any parameters on defining the term "non competitive". Mr. Arnold explained that Sony has exclusive rights to the advertising panels at Candlestick Park and competitive advertising is prohibited. He further explained that the Commission has separately adopted a policy that restricts tobacco advertising at Candlestick Park. The Commission could adopt a policy restricting other items to be incorporated into this agreement.

**Jack Bair**, representing the Giants, said that it would be better to have the Commission separately address what items are considered appropriate for advertising on the jumbotron that would apply to both teams at Candlestick Park.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16970**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approve the Scoreboard Advertising Agreement with the San Francisco Giants, with the understanding that all advertising will conform to policies established by the Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow

**9. CANDLESTICK PARK  
LUXURY SUITES FOOD & BEVERAGE PRICES**

Ratification of food and beverage menu and pricing for the luxury suites at Candlestick Park for the 1994 football season.





**9. CANDLESTICK PARK****LUXURY SUITES FOOD & BEVERAGE PRICES (Continued)**

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the menu for football in the luxury suites is different from the menu offered for baseball. This year the caterer experimented with some new items and new pricing. Mr. Arnold recommended that the Commission ratify the menu as it has been in place for the 1994 football season. Staff has not received criticism about the items. He noted that the items are pricey but traditionally the market fixes the pricing.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's comment that there is no comparison of prices, Mr. Arnold explained that so many of the items have changed that it is difficult to give a comparison of prices. She felt the prices for beer were quite high and although one can bring their own food into the suites, it is not permissible to bring in your own beer.

Vice President Mazzola said he wanted to make the same observation that he previously made for the MVP prices charged during baseball season whereby a 15% service charge is assessed but is not considered a gratuity. The Commission asked the baseball concessionaire to change the language stating that the service fee is not a gratuity. He wanted the same language to be incorporated into the luxury suite menu. Mr. Arnold said he will contact Butler Catering to find out if the servers receive a 15% tip as a gratuity.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16971**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the food and beverage menu and pricing for the luxury suites at Candlestick Park for the 1994 football season with the request that staff research the issue of the 15% gratuity. If Butler Catering does not give the gratuity to its employee, language will be added to the menu clarifying that the 15% gratuity is a service charge rather than a tip for the server.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz,

Noes: Commissioner Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow

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**10. UNION SQUARE****PROHIBITION OF SKATEBOARDING**

Approval to prohibit skateboarding in Union Square.

**Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, Mike Morlin**, explained that this item is being considered at the request of the Police Department, the Union Square Association, and other citizens who have complained about the skateboarding activity at Union Square. Staff reviewed the situation and has witnessed wear and tear and damage occurring at Union Square from skateboarding. Park benches are moved around and used as obstacles as part of the skateboarding activity and the granite is chipped in many places and worn from skateboarders riding along the curb edge of the granite. The pedestrian traffic in Union Square does not mix with skateboarding activities and he felt skateboarding was not a proper use of this downtown Center plaza. Therefore he recommended that signage be posted prohibiting skateboarding at union Square.



## 10. UNION SQUARE

### PROHIBITION OF SKATEBOARDING (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer said that this item was considered at the Committee level and there was testimony that there is no place for kids to skateboard. She felt it would be wise to look at other areas for skateboarders to legally skate and explained that the Parks and Planning Committee urged staff to consider finding other locations for skateboarding activity.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RES. NO. 16972

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission prohibits skateboarding in Union Square and directs staff to place appropriate signage in the Square.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow

*Note for the Record: 5:00 p.m.-5:05 p.m. President Immendorf left the meeting room.*

## 11. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND

### EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Approval of plan to relocate the Emergency Operations Center at Margaret Hayward Playground and to stage construction on Recreation and Park Department property.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the City's Emergency Operation Center located at Margaret Hayward Playground is slated to be rebuilt. Mr. Arnold displayed a drawing of the existing Operations Center and playground which offers 2 clubhouses, 2 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, 1 volleyball court, a children's playground, a grassy area, and 2 baseball fields located at Lang Field. The proposal is to move the Operations Center to the site of the basketball courts and to demolish the current Operations Center. The Charter gives the Board of Supervisors the authority to locate the Emergency Operations Center on park property in Jefferson Square and the Commission may not overrule this decision. The question before the Commission is what accommodations does Recreation and Park want for the inconvenience of using park property as a staging area during construction and for the basketball/tennis courts that will be displaced because of construction of the New Emergency Operations Center.

Mr. Arnold said at the Committee level many options were discussed including relocating the basketball and tennis courts to the grassy field, staging construction on the site of the tennis courts and, upon completion of the building, restoring the tennis courts to their original site, relocating the basketball courts and renovating the grassy field. Another option considered was to stage the construction on Turk Street and relocate the basketball courts on Turk Street. The Department of Parking and Traffic opposes closure of Turk Street. A recommendation for this project needed to be forwarded to the Office of Environmental Review of the City Planning Department, because it will consider a variety of sites for staging construction and relocation of the courts. Staff requested that the Commission ask City Planning to consider these alternate locations so that a final decision can be made at a future time.



# **11. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (Continued)**

The office of the Chief Administrative Officer has been very responsive to the community about this issue and a meeting is scheduled 10/5/94 with the neighborhood to discuss the environmental review process.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold said the Department of Parking and Traffic would consider closing the parking lanes on Turk Street but not the entire street to vehicular traffic.

**Billy Jeffrey**, representing the tennis players at this playground, informed the Commission that he and others who play regularly wanted to be assured that they will not lose access to a tennis court for the 3 year construction period. There presently are 2 good tennis courts at the playground and he wanted access to a tennis court in the area during the construction program.

On recommendation of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16973**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission request the Office of Environmental Review, City Planning Department, to include in its review of this Emergency Operations Center project the following alternate sites for construction and relocation of basketball courts: the parking lanes on Turk Street between Gough and Laguna for construction staging; the southwest corner of Jefferson Square Park for temporary location of the basketball courts; and an off-site school location for the temporary location of the basketball courts.

## **APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Immendorf

# **12. NOE-BEAVER MINI PARK FENCING PLAN**

Approval to install a gated fence at Noe-Beaver Mini Park.

**Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, Mike Morlin**, explained that Noe-Beaver Mini Park is a park where the social problems have exceeded the City's ability to address problems within the park. Recreation and Park wants to be good neighbor to the community, to make better use of the park, and to abate some of the problems that have been occurring in the park. The proposal is to fence the Noe-Beaver Mini Park. There is presently a very low fence along Beaver Street. At least 2 to 3 people live in the park every night and create quite a disturbance. Staff proposed installation of a sturdy 5' wood fence with wide spaces so there would be visibility into the park. The park would be closed across Noe Street with a lockable gate. The proposal is to remove the benches, tables, and park furniture and to place planting beds for a community garden.

President Immendorf said he recently visited Boeddeker Park where there is a fairly high fence, and people were still sleeping in the park. He noted that the drawing showed trash containers along the fence which would make access very easy. He wondered if the fence should be higher.



**12. NOE-BEAVER MINI PARK  
FENCING PLAN (Continued)**

Mr. Morlin said the trash receptacles would be inside the park except for the day of garbage pick up. He was concerned about raising the height of the fence because the park is located on a small corner lot and raising the fence height might make it appear out of proportion to the size of the park.

**Len Brown**, lives near the park and said the vast majority of people that use the park are dealing and using drugs. He wanted to try the fencing plan as a first step to resolve the problem.

**William Schweitzer**, said that he has a shop next to the park and has seen the park from the day it opened. Presently, the park is not a place where people from the community can gather as they did in the past, nor is it a place for children. The tables and benches are used as beds and the community would like to see things changed. The elimination of the benches and installation of a fence would keep people out of the park who are there to drink and do drugs. He submitted a petition from the merchants in support of this proposal.

**Mara Feeney**, lives near the Noe-Beaver Mini Park and is an active member of the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association. She explained that she has worked with the Department trying to find solutions short of fencing. She initially viewed the fence as a drastic step but now supported it. She was tired of finding hypodermic needles in her driveway and having a park that could not be used by the community. She asked if the Department would furnish some paint to the community to paint over graffiti on the park fence.

**Brian Christianson**, representing the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Group, which represents 3000 homeowners in the area surrounding the park, explained that they have been working over the last 6-7 years on this issue. He said the neighborhood has deteriorated and they attribute the park atmosphere to contribute to the cause of the deterioration. His group fully supported the proposed plan before the Commission and said that homeowners who have put their house for sale cite the condition of the park as their number one reason.

**David C. Neil**, a resident of Beaver Street for the last 16 years, said he has seen the corner of Noe Beaver go from a rather unattractive parking lot to a very attractive lot. For the first years the mini park was enjoyed by the community but in the last 6-7 years it has deteriorated. He passes by the park many times during the day and it is constantly occupied by 7 or 8 shopping carts with 3 to 10 people sleeping. The community has explored alternate proposals and the situation has only worsened. He urged approval of this proposal.

**Margaret Wosser**, lived on Noe Street for many years, and said the park was wonderful at first but it has now deteriorated. The neighborhood could work in the community garden in the park and it would limit some of the people living in the park.

**Ruth Jenkins**, a resident in the area and a member of the Life Center Board, explained that she used to occasionally go into the Noe-Beaver Park but now it is uncomfortable to do so. She thought it could be made into a nice garden again.





**12. NOE-BEAVER MINI PARK  
FENCING PLAN (Continued)**

**Oscar DaSilva**, has not lived in the area very long but certain people hide in the park and use it as a bathroom. He cannot keep his windows open because of the fighting that occurs in the park.

**Cade Morrow**, fully supported the proposal for the fence and removal of benches for the park. He owns a house next to the park and asked the Commission to place themselves in the position of the homeowners. The community has worked hard to live in this very fine neighborhood and what is happening to the park has literally ripped at the fabric of their dreams. The illegal drug activity, the use of the park as a toilet, the intimidation of being threatened with violence if one tries to use the park, and the disruption at night, has created such a hardship on the community. He felt it was a wonderful proposal to have a neighborhood garden that will grow flowers and vegetables that will be used for the hospices in the neighborhood. The neighbors can play an active part in the garden. He urged approval of the plan.

**Tim Wells**, representing his wife and 2 children who have a house around the corner from the park, said he and his wife decided to raise their children in this neighborhood so that the kids could be involved in the life of the community that surrounds that park. At present the park cannot be used by children at all. The garden will allow his family to volunteer and work with community. He supported the plan and urged the Commission to do so.

Commissioner Rovetti supported the proposal and suggested that this issue is one of public safety. He wanted a park police unit set up that will guard the City's parks. He felt the Commission should urge the Mayor and Police Department to set up a police force that patrols parks and arrest and prosecute those who violate the law.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Morlin explained that this is one of the parks that is closed in the evening but the people are there during the day. At night when the police are called the people disperse and then return to the park as soon as the police is gone.

**Superintendent of Parks Ron de Leon**, said the fence at Boeddeker Park is substantial. He did not know of any fence that will keep people out if someone really wants to get in. This proposal, along with the signage informing the public that the park is closed at night, will go a long way to alleviate the problem. He said a combination of efforts needed to be implemented to resolve this issue.

A discussion ensued regarding the height and design of the fence and issues pertaining to the cost of the fence. The Commission directed staff to work with the community on the proposed fencing design.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16974**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the installation of a gated fence at Noe-Beaver Mini Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow



**13. TWIN PEAKS****NATIVE PLANT GARDEN**

Approval of proposed native plant garden and circulation path at Twin Peaks.

**Park Planner, Joanne Wilson**, explained that this proposal is for a native plant garden and circulation path at Twin Peaks. The proposed 12,500 square foot garden would be near the southern peak of Twin Peaks. Currently the area is used as an informal parking lot and is unsightly due to garbage and asphalt that has been dumped on the site. The proposal is to restore the habitat at Twin Peaks by providing a demonstration garden for native plants. The planting scheme shows a circulation path throughout the garden and disabled access improvements. There would be a guard rail made out of wood and metal, with some educational signage including discussion of the mission blue butterfly and the native bunch grasses that grow on Twin Peaks. At Commissioner Sommer's suggestion, staff will consult with the Traffic Engineer about parking issues. The estimated cost is \$41,575 from the Gift Fund.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16975**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed native plant garden and circulation path at Twin Peaks.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Immendorf, Farrow

*Note for the Record: 5:22 p.m.-5:27 p.m. President Immendorf left the meeting room.*

**14. MCKINLEY SQUARE****DISABLED ACCESS RAMP**

Approval of proposed disabled access ramp at McKinley Square.

**Park Planner, Joanne Wilson**, explained that this item is a proposal to place an access ramp at McKinley Square. McKinley Square will be renovated in phases and staff is working closely with the neighborhood. The priorities are renovation of the children's play area, circulation pathways, improvement of irrigation system, an improved dog run, and more landscaping and amenities. McKinley Square is surrounded by a retaining wall and there is no access for someone who is disabled. Before any of the improvements are made disabled access must be addressed. She displayed a drawing that showed a disabled access ramp to McKinley Square with a railing and disabled parking space. The ramp would still leave enough room for mowing equipment. The estimated cost of this project is \$50,000.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16976**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed disabled access ramp at McKinley Square.



APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Farrow

# 15. GOLDEN GATE PARK

## GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS BID PROPOSALS

Rejection of all bids received for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that at the Committee level staff recommended that the bids received for the tennis courts be rejected because they did not meet the minimum requirements that were specified in the bid. One of the bidders, Humberto Diaz, who bid on the instructional component, stated that, strictly speaking, the bid package did not say you would be disqualified if you bid below the minimum. Mr. Diaz's bid would give the Department substantially more revenue than what it currently receives from the present concessionaire.

Based on this testimony and discussion at the Committee level, staff was asked to review the bid package. The bid package does not specifically state that if you bid below the minimum it will result in an automatic rejection of the bid. Staff was prepared to recommend to the Commission that it accept the bids received even though they were below the minimum requirement because they provided more revenue than the Department currently receives. However, since that time, 2 individuals have written to the Commission stating that if they knew they could have bid below the minimum they would have done so. There are also conflicting allegations that one of the Department's property managers, who is no longer with the Department, informed Mr. Diaz that it was okay to bid below the minimum. Therefore, this matter is a policy issue for the Commission.

**Winston Lum**, explained that he was interested in bidding for Golden Gate Park but did not think the Department's minimum bid was economical.

**Brian Theberge**, a tennis pro at Golden Gate Park, said if the Commission considered bids that were below the minimum requirement it would be unfair to him, to other professional tennis instructors, and to the public. He asked the Commission to reject all bids and renew the bid process.

**Humberto Diaz**, said everyone had the opportunity to examine the request for proposal for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts and everyone read it. The bid package does not state that there was a minimum bid requirement nor does it state that there is a minimum acceptable bid. He was the only one that came forward and bid on the package hoping that it would be accepted. Everyone else has had the same opportunity and his bid will give the Department more revenue than the current concessionaire.

Mr. Arnold said that it was his recollection that there was a discussion about minimum bids when the bids were presented. However, the bid document does not say one will be automatically disqualified if the bid is below the minimum. The front of the bid document specifically gives the Commission the right to reject any and all bids.

In response to Vice President Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the tennis court concession could be rebid by October or November of this year and the current concessionaire has been operating on a month-to-month agreement for 3 years. Mr. Arnold said that this bid is for one year. The exact terms and conditions of the bid would have to be negotiated but it is fair to assume that the Department would realize about \$20,000 a year in revenue; currently the Department receives \$7,000.



## 15. GOLDEN GATE PARK

### GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS BID PROPOSALS (Continued)

Vice President Mazzola made a motion to reject the bids and put the issue out to bid again; Commissioner Sommer seconded this motion.

The motion failed to pass by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Mazzola, Rovetti

NOES: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

ABSENT: Commissioner Farrow

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16977

**RESOLVED**, This Commission directs staff to negotiate with Humberto Diaz for tennis instruction and Winston Lum for tennis racquet stringing at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts and to immediately initiate another request for proposal for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

Noes: Commissioners Mazzola, Rovetti

Absent: Commissioner Farrow

## 16. GOLF COURSES

### AUTOMATED GOLF REGISTRATION BID AWARD

Approval of award of golf reservations system contract.

**Budget Officer, Garrett Furuichi**, presented the award of the automated golf registration bid to be tested at Harding Park (including Fleming) for a three month trial period and then to be implemented for all the Department's golf courses (Lincoln, Sharp and Golden Gate Park). The successful bidder is Fairway Systems, the largest golf software producer in the country. They have installed golf systems at many municipal courses and have a great deal of experience. The system will solve quite a few problems that have occurred in the past. The selection committee included a senior purchaser, the Department's Director of Information Systems, the Golf Director, the head pro at Harding Golf Course, and himself. There were 4 bids and each were scored independently. Fairway Systems received the highest score. A written protest was filed by XRS Technologies, one of the bidders, who was disqualified because the bid was non responsive.

In response to Vice President Mazzola's question, Mr. Furuichi said a brochure has been prepared to be distributed to golfers about the new golf reservations system. In addition, the Department will take a one quarter page ad in the Examiner to inform the public of this new program.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16978

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the award of golf reservations system to Fairway Systems.





## 16. GOLF COURSES

### AUTOMATED GOLF REGISTRATION BID AWARD (Continued)

#### APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow

*Note for the Record: 5:35 p.m.-5:40 p.m. President Immendorf left the meeting room.*

## 17. GOLDEN GATE PARK

### CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION BUDGET

Approval of the Conservatory Foundation 1994-95 budget.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Commission must approve the budget for the Conservatory Foundation. The Foundation has two separate funds and one of the funds, the unrestricted fund, is not subject to approval by the Commission. The other fund, the restricted fund, has been reviewed by the Park Division staff and the Director of the Conservatory. The budget shows a deficit in the restricted fund. However, the Foundation plans to use monies from its restricted fund balances in prior years to balance the budget.

Commissioner Sommer was interested in how the unrestricted funds were used.

**Douglas Thompson**, representing the Conservatory Foundation said they did not have a budget for the unrestricted funds but he hoped to in the future. He explained that the Foundation used the funds for bench replacement at the Conservatory. He said he would be happy to furnish a copy of the Foundation's audited financial statements to Commissioner Sommer and said the money will be used for the Conservatory.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16979**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the Conservatory Foundation 1994-95 budget.

#### APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Absent: Commissioner Farrow

## 18. MARTIN LUTHER KING POOL

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Request in the amount of \$200,000 for additional hours of operation and fee reductions at Martin Luther King Pool.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution urging the Recreation and Park Commission to open King Pool seven days a week and to make it free for children 15 years and under. This program is not part of the Aquatics Division budget. Staff informed the Mayor's Office that the Department did not have the funding to offer this service and that it planned to open the pool only during the summer as it did last year. Staff has estimated the cost of this proposal to be \$200,000 and is requesting the Commission approve submission of a Supplemental Appropriation Request to be sent to the Mayor's Office.



**18. MARTIN LUTHER KING POOL**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (Continued)**

Commissioner Rovetti said he attended a community meeting in the Bayview and discussed this issue with the community. He told his fellow commissioners to urge the Mayor to seek the necessary funding. He said there were many single parents who took their children to this pool.

**Ron Chism**, the pool manager at King and Coffman Pools, referenced the community meeting attended by Commissioner Rovetti. The community was concerned about turf issues at Coffman Pool and King Pool and the need to have a safe place for children. He said the community was led to believe that the pool was closed last fall due to an unsafe roof and that it was re-opened in an unsafe condition. He wanted to know the timetable for repair of the roof at King Pool and if there will be hours set aside for children to use the pool.

Mr. Arnold explained that King Pool was closed last Fall as a budgetary item not because of its roof. It was a policy decision made by the Recreation and Park Commission. The policy decision was based on budgetary constraints and staff's recommendation that based on low attendance at King Pool during the school year. Coffman Pool had low attendance as well but was used by Wilson High School. King Pool was not closed because of the roof. However, there is a roof, ventilation and heating problem at King Pool and there is now a funded capital project to renovate the pool roof. He estimated it would take at least 6 months before the Department of Public Works would begin the preliminary work on this project.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, said there is extensive dry rot in the roof, and the Superintendent for Structural Maintenance, Jim Lucey, made some temporary repairs to the roof before it was reopened for the summer.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16980**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the Supplemental Appropriation Request in the amount of \$200,000 for additional hours of operation and fee reductions at Martin Luther King Pool, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a letter shall be sent to the Bayview Committee explaining the projected schedule for the roof project at Martin Luther King Pool.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer  
Absent: Commissioner Farrow



**19. MARINA YACHT HARBOR**  
**AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is ratification of a contract for dredging that is now half completed. Staff recommended that the Commission ratify this contract and explained the Department is saving almost \$30,000 on the contract.

Emeric Kalman, said that the dredging work is not complete because a piece of dredging equipment broke. He said the Commission promised that a 5 year dredging program would be presented and it has not been done. In 1993 the General Manager promised a dredging program and has not presented one. He was outraged that the dredging work began before the Commission approved the contract. He asked how a contract could be approved when the public was not allowed to comment on it and why was the contract veiled in secrecy. He said the dredging work being done is a waste of money and estimated it wasted \$100,000.

In response to Vice President Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold said staff negotiated with the contractor to complete the project in 3-4 weeks. Dutra planned to work 24 hours a day because it was quicker and cheaper. A crane broke and Mr. Arnold assumed that the project would be completed in the required contract time period. The channel was dredged because of the upcoming Big Boat Series at the Marina Yacht Harbor held on September 15-18, 1994.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16981**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the award of contract in the amount of \$207,100 to Dutra Construction, Inc. for dredging at Marina Yacht Harbor.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer  
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

**20. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16982**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of GEICO in the amount of \$11,038.83.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer  
Absent: Commissioner Farrow



## **21. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

*Note for the Record: No Public Comment was received.*

## **22. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Note for the Record: The President did not submit a President's Report.*

## **23. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

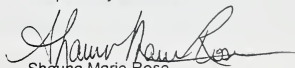
- ♦Joint Zoo Committee meeting of July 6, 1994
- ♦Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of September 8, 1994
- ♦Parks and Planning Committee meeting of September 13, 1994

## **24. ADJOURNMENT**

♦On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Frank Foehr, former Superintendent of Parks, who recently passed away.

There being no further business, the 696th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.





San Francisco, California  
October 20, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

697TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Seventh Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 20, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Absent Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Sue Sommer

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 21, 1994 regarding the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, and the Regular Meeting of September 22, 1994, were approved as presented.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

*EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:* As part of the Department's ongoing Employee Recognition Program, the Park Division has nominated George Pangan, Iron Worker with the Structural Maintenance Division. He is recognized for his efficiency and conscientiousness and as a valuable member of the Maintenance Yard team. James Lucey, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Structural Maintenance Division, will make the presentation.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*MISSION DRIVEN BUDGET:* The Recreation and Park Department has been selected as one of the departments to participate in the City's new mission-driven budget system for the 1995-96 budget. This new budget system will focus on service goals and outcomes rather than on line-item expenditures. Participation in this new budget system will require a restructuring of the department's existing programs and the development of specific goals, objectives, achievements and costs for each program. All City departments will be included in this new budget system at the end of a three-year phase-in period prescribed in the Charter.

*CANDLESTICK PARK CUSTODIAL SERVICES CONTRACT:* On October 3, the custodial contractor at Candlestick Park filed for bankruptcy. The contractor had failed to pay some of his employees for previous games and unpaid workers were coming to the stadium offices seeking payment. The City was current on all invoices submitted by the contractor. The union sought a strike sanction against the contractor and conducted informational picketing at the stadium during the second week of October. Department staff worked with the City Attorney to develop a work schedule for the contractor to complete the cleaning of the stadium from the football game on October 2. The schedule was provided to the contractor on October 11. By the end of the day on October 13, the contractor had not met the requirements of the schedule for either October 12 or October 13. Therefore, the contractor was notified that a replacement contractor would be used for the football game on October 23. Custodial services for the balance of the football season will be provided pursuant to bids by the City Purchaser.

*DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING FOR EMPLOYEES:* The U.S. Department of Transportation has issued its final regulations implementing the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. These regulations go into effect January 1, 1995, for agencies with 50 or more covered employees. Mandatory drug and alcohol testing will be required for every employee who is required to hold a commercial driver's license to operate a vehicle. Some of the classifications that could be affected in this Department are truck driver, tree topper, heavy equipment operator and stationary engineer and recreation directors who drive vans. No federal funding will be provided for this program, and agencies who fail to comply may be subject to fines and civil penalties, and recipients of federal transit funds may risk losing their funding. A city-wide task force has been established to recommend procedures for implementing these regulations. Our Department is represented on this task force, and you will be kept informed on any significant development.

*SAN FRANCISCO BAY GUARDIAN ARTICLE:* In its October 19, 1994 edition, The San Francisco Bay Guardian featured two stories on the Recreation and Park Department. Featured on the front page was the headline: "Selling the zoo for \$1 has cost San Francisco millions. Is Golden Gate Park next? A case study in the perils of privatization." Both articles are extremely critical of the Department's efforts to minimize the effects of declining tax dollars by soliciting more support from the private sector. A copy of the articles is at your places.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*SUPERVISOR ANNEMARIE CONROY'S TASK FORCE ON LAKES AND PONDS:* On October 11, the Economic Vitality and Social Policy Committee of the Board of Supervisors calendared a hearing to consider the health and environmental quality of the City's lakes and ponds. At this hearing, Supervisor Annemarie Conroy proposed the convening of a Task Force to ensure the health and environmental integrity of the City's lakes and ponds. The Task Force will be headed by Mr. Ben Gale, Director for the Bureau of Environmental Health Services, and will be comprised of representatives from the Recreation and Park Department, other appropriate City departments with experts in the field of lake and pond management and possibly representatives from some community organizations.

*COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECT (TENNIS COURT RESURFACING):* Twelve of the Golden Gate Park tennis courts were resurfaced during the last weeks of September and first week of October. This resurfacing was completed as part of the Department's preventive maintenance program which will be extended to the neighborhood park tennis courts over the next several years.

*CAMP MATHER:* The 1994 Camp Mather season generated a total of \$1,031,590 from reservations (\$919,944) and concessions (\$111,646). This is an increase over the 1993 season, which generated \$929,285 (\$831,920 from reservations and \$97,365 from concessions). The 1994 season occupancy rate for cabins and tents was at 96% with 4,277 guests, up 3% from last year when the camp served 4,248 campers. Overall, with the number of camping days and available beds the same for both years, the 1994 season generated more revenue and accommodated almost the same number of guests. Attached is the Camp Mather Reservation and Statistical Report for 1994.

*CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS:* Department staff members have been working with the Conservatory Foundation in planning a fundraising campaign to restore the Conservatory of Flowers. The Conservatory is Golden Gate Park's oldest existing structure and an important example of Victorian architecture which houses an important collection of rare plants. It is estimated that restoration costs may exceed \$12 million. As a kick off for the ten-year fundraising project, the Conservatory Foundation, Western Addition Society, San Francisco Garden Club and California Historical Society have planned a Victorian Midwinter Ball in the Sheraton Palace's historic Garden Court on November 25. A packet with more information about these activities is at your places.

*INCIDENT AT OCEAN VIEW PLAYGROUND:* An unfortunate incident occurred at Ocean View Playground on October 16. During a Department sponsored event, a fight erupted among approximately 10 individuals. The police were called and order was restored in about 15 minutes. The event was very successful to that point and featured local speakers and entertainers as part of a positive image workshop. The irony of the situation is that the troublemakers were not from the community and the event was marred unnecessarily. Staff is now working on contingency plans so future events will not be affected by such outside influences.



**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

**REGGAE FESTIVAL AT SHARON MEADOW:** The fifth annual Reggae Festival was held at Sharon Meadow on October 15 and 16. Attendance was estimated at 12,000 people for both days. There were no major incidents this year as the extra security and police presence seemed to have a positive effect. The damage report, although not complete, indicates minimal damage to turf and the surrounding area. The greatest impact was on the area near the stage where the most activity occurred. Park staff feels that with appropriate maintenance these areas will renew themselves. The report will be complete with the tests of the irrigation system, which are planned for Friday. Staff will meet next week to evaluate the event and the effectiveness of the preventive procedures that were instituted.

**TAI CHI/TENNIS AT PARKSIDE SQUARE:** A compromise has been reached in the ongoing dispute between the tennis players and the individuals in the Parkside area who wish to perform their tai chi exercises on the tennis courts. Subsequent to a meeting between the representatives of both groups mediated by Recreation Staff, the following compromise was reached. Court #4, which has been used by the patrons of the tai chi exercise class in the past, will be reserved from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday only. On Saturdays and Sundays, the courts will be used exclusively for tennis all day, and the exercisers will use the grass area near the tennis courts. Signs are now in place to notify everyone of this new policy. The signs will be removed from the basketball court, which was originally suggested as a possible location for the exercise group.

**HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES:** At your places is a listing of the various Halloween parties and activities scheduled at our recreation centers. If you have time, you should try to visit the haunted houses at Mission Recreation Center, Upper Noe Recreation Center and Hamilton Teen Center.

**SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS:** The following claims, under \$5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of September 1994:

Spencer, Melissa	\$3,500.00	Dale, Jacqueline	224.45
Smith, Rozella	658.00	Wicker, Gilles	639.65
Ding, Hui Jin	406.93	Swartzburg, Marian	569.56
McNabola, Noel	277.19	Petrini, Pete	301.81
Yesson, Raymond	160.00	Wong, Harvey	2,032.40
Pecho, Eduard Cisne	445.00	Horton, Frank	2,500.00

**DATES TO REMEMBER :**

Friday, October 21, 1994

Installation of Tokugawa Stone Lantern in the Moon-viewing Garden; 11:00 a.m.;  
Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

Saturday, October 22, 1994

Open Space Bus Tour; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;  
meet at McLaren Lodge





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### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

Friday, October 28, 1994	Dedication of Matthew Boxer Stadium; 3:00 p.m.; Balboa Park, San Jose Avenue & Sgt. John V. Young Street
Tuesday, November 1, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, November 2, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, November 3, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Friday, November 11, 1994	Veterans Day Holiday

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's questions concerning the situation at Candlestick Park, Ms. Burns said that the Department had known for a few weeks that there were some problems with compliance. Staff has been in contact with the City Attorney's Office and the Purchasing Department to try to resolve the problems with the contractor before terminating his contract. An informational picket was set up because some of the things put in place to try and resolve the situation did not happen and further complicated a very difficult situation. Some of the contractor's workers had come to the Department seeking pay, but the Department had already paid the contractor for the work performed.

Mr. Arnold said there is a performance bond, which guarantees the contractor's performance to work, but there is nothing in the contract that requires the contractor to pay his employees. In the case of bankruptcy, the first call on any contractor's assets is to pay his employees; however, if there are no assets, that is another matter. Ms. Burns said that the Department could explore with the City Attorney's Office the possibility of incorporating something into contracts to guard against this type of problem in the future so that there is some provision for ensuring that employees get paid for work performed.

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolutions were adopted:

THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer



**4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)****a. PERSONNEL MATTERS****RES. NO. 16983**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period September 2, 1994 through October 3, 1994.

**b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS****RES. NO. 16984**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

**PURCHASED FROM:** Lincoln Park Zoo  
2200 North Cannon Drive  
Chicago, IL 60614, USDA 33-C-004  
Two (2) Male Red Legged Honeycreepers,  
valued at \$450 for the Pair

**SOLD TO:** Montgomery Zoo  
P. O. Box ZEBRA  
Montgomery, AL 36109, USDA 64-C-003  
One (1) Male and One (1) Female Trumpeter Swan  
Valued at \$200 for the pair

**RELEASED TO:** Colombian Jungle  
Two (2) Male, One (1) Female Andean  
Condors

**c. TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER  
TEEN OVERNIGHT CAMPING AND RIVER RAFTING TRIP****RES. NO. 16985**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the Tenderloin Recreation Center teen overnight camping and river rafting trip to the American River on August 12-14, 1994.

**d. JAPANESE PEACE PLAZA  
JAPAN CENTER PARKING GARAGE CORPORATION  
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT****RES. NO. 16986**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the agreement regarding payment for structural repairs to the Japanese Peace Plaza.

**e. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM****RES. NO. 16987**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Adkins, Clay Jorden, vs. CCSF in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**f. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM****RES. NO. 16988**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Pamela Hurst vs. CCSF in the amount of \$5,000.00.



**4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)****g. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM****RES. NO. 16989**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Leon Allen, vs. CCSF in the amount of \$4,000.00.

**GENERAL CALENDAR****5. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND  
RENOVATION**

Approval of playground renovation project at Jose Coronado Playground.

**Park Planner Joanne Wilson** reported that pursuant to the Commission's direction at their last meeting, a final community meeting was held. Two proposals were presented at the community meeting for review and comment. Notification of the meeting went to property owners within 500-600 feet of the park, which was approximately 500 homes. Ms. Wilson displayed the two proposals. Scheme E places the community building with the restrooms and the children's play area in the southeast corner. Scheme E also includes a half court of basketball and a basketball hoop, tennis court and an expanded soccer/softball area. In this scheme, there are two points of access to the restrooms—from inside the community building and from the outside. In Scheme C the community building with the restrooms and the children's play area are in the northeast area of the playground, and the plan includes a soccer/softball area and basketball and tennis courts. In this scheme, there is only one access point to the restrooms from inside the community building. Although the restroom access is less flexible, it is acceptable to the Recreation Division. Staff also looked at a variation of Scheme C. where instead of a full court of basketball, there would be two half courts. According to the recreation directors, most people at Coronado Playground play half court basketball. The tennis court would have a removable net so that there would be some flexibility in the use of the area. The tennis net could be removed so that there would be a large multi-purpose area. Staff is still researching the feasibility of a portable net. There is a manufacturer of portable nets, but there are two concerns. Once the net is removed, a cap is needed to cover the hole and it is not clear whether the cap would present a trip hazard. The cap needs to be flush with the court surface. With regard to the net, there needs to be a mechanism to lock it in place, and the company does not make one with that kind of mechanism. This could present a problem when the playground is not supervised, because there would be nothing to prevent someone from just removing the net. This could create a user conflict between tennis players and people who want to use the multi-purpose area. There would also be an exposed hole from the tennis net post that could be a trip hazard. Staff will try to find a solution, including the possibility of fabricating something in-house. Therefore, the recommendation is approval of Scheme C with the variation if it can be made to work; otherwise staff will implement Scheme C.



**5. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND  
RENOVATION (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16990**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves Scheme C with variation for the renovation project at Jose Coronado Playground.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

Commissioner Ruiz said that he attended the community meeting a month ago and that there was a fairly adequate representation of the community present. He commented that staff's efforts to notify residents of the meeting was quite exhaustive. He did not hear any negative remarks at the meeting. He felt this project was quite a challenge for Ms. Wilson and is aware of the headaches she endured in the process. He stated that Ms. Wilson should be publicly acknowledged for the manner in which she dealt with the difficulties involved.

**6. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS  
TENNIS BID PROPOSAL**

Consideration to reject the bids received for the Neighborhood Parks Tennis Courts.

**Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold** explained that this item was originally brought to the Commission as an extension of last year's experiment to try to have sanctioned teaching pros at various neighborhood park locations. The concept was to take certain neighborhood parks with multiple tennis courts and allow that one of the courts be reserved for the teaching pro for a fee. The pro would have exclusive use of one of the courts whenever he/she wanted to give a lesson, and the other courts would be left open for the public. The Department tried this for a year. The initial reaction was very negative in several instances, but people were encouraged to give the program a chance. Toward the end of the year not many complaints had been heard so staff proposed to extend it for another year, and the Commission approved going back out to bid. The results of the bids are on page 2 of the staff write-up. In some instances new locations were added and staff thought the program would work and generate \$25,000-30,000 a year. During the bid process and subsequent to the bid process and over the past couple of weeks, the Property Management and Recreation Divisions have received a veritable torrent of complaints from neighbors from virtually all of the areas, particularly where there are established programs. People said they did not want the program at all or not on the weekends, which is when the pros teach most of their lessons. Based on this, staff is recommending that the program not proceed, that all bids be rejected and the existing pros be given 30-60 days notice that the program is being terminated. This will not prohibit people from teaching lessons for a fee on the courts, and the program did not prohibit that either. The program granted exclusive use of a court to people who were sanctioned by the Department in return for their paying a permit fee. There may be teaching occurring on





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### TENNIS BID PROPOSAL (Continued)

the courts by other than the pros who paid a fee. The Department was aware of that, but apparently not everyone did and it has resulted in a lot of misunderstanding. Therefore, staff is recommending not to continue the program at any of the neighborhood courts and focus on Golden Gate Park as the primary teaching facility. There was discussion at the Finance Committee that the Department allow the experiment to continue for another year. If that were the case, he would not recommend trying new sites but continue only at existing sites. However, of the existing sites, he is aware of only two that have not received a lot of complaints, Moffett and Rossi. There is a lot of opposition at the other sites.

President Immendorf pointed out that of the 11 courts that were under consideration, only four bids were submitted that met the RFP requirements.

**Duncan Smith** stated that there is no extra time for pros to use the over utilized Moscone courts. The public wants to use them more than they have the ability to now. His other concern is safety. With the pro using between 50-100 balls, it is almost impossible for anyone on the adjacent court to safely play tennis.

**Mike Howard**, the pro at Julius Kahn, stated that when the program started 15-16 months ago, there were a few complaints and people getting used to the program. Over the ensuing months, the program has gone very successfully at Julius Kahn and at other sites, and there are people here today who will support the pros. If the program were given more time, it would get even more support and positive results. When a pro is at a site on a regular basis and establishes himself and shows that he is reputable and professional, people are interested and it encourages more play. He helps teach a free clinic for children, and he and other pros have discussed teaching free clinics on Saturdays for children, because they want to give back to the community in return for being given a court for teaching.

**Shuichi Hirakawa** stated that his points were already covered by the first speaker, Duncan Smith.

**Walter Moelleriti** stated that he has played at Moscone for the last 55 years and there is always a big crowd. He asked that the program be discontinued.

**Christina Conlon** stated that she has been playing at Moscone for 25 years, and they are the second busiest courts next to Golden Gate Park. There is a tremendous hazard with tennis balls flying into the court adjacent to the pro and there is the potential for someone getting hurt. She represents others who could not attend today's meeting, and they reject any private tennis lessons on public courts. She urged the Commission to permanently reject private lessons on the tennis courts.



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**Scott Howard** stated there are many problems with unqualified individuals teaching on the courts and not abiding by the rules. If these people were put off the courts, there would be a lot more time for the public to be on the courts. Allowing pros to teach without exclusive use of a court will not work because they cannot teach a lesson if they have to wait for a court and then end up with a middle court. Good pros want to teach on end courts so they can avoid the problem of balls going on to other courts. It is beneficial to have good pros in the neighborhoods so people do not have to drive somewhere or pay club membership fees. He thinks the program should be given a little more time.

**Xavier Giovanelli** stated that he has been playing on the courts for the past 25 years. His main concern is safety. He is worried about too many balls flying around and the possibility of someone getting hurt.

**Bob Arkoff**, lives near and plays at Dupont. He is against having any pro there, because they are the only decent courts in the Richmond. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the courts are already reserved during prime time for the Dupont Club. When the pro was put on the courts, only one court was left for the general public. Pros should be placed at isolated courts where they will not bother other players.

In response to Mr. Arkoff's questions, Mr. Arnold said that no sites which were put to bid and which had been previously in the program were allowed to continue on a month-to-month basis. Those sites included in the bid package—which Dupont is not one—do continue to have people on a month-to-month basis. People who are teach but are not sanctioned by the Department are obligated to abide by the posted rules on the courts—to give way to the next person who is waiting when the set is over or after 45 minutes, whichever comes first.

**Jerry Zones** stated that he agreed with previous speakers who spoke in favor of discontinuing the program. He feels there is a shortage of courts and there is always a waiting list, especially at Moscone. He said it does not make sense when you have two courts adjacent to each and one is given to a pro. Balls are going to go over to the other side and it is always a problem. If you are going to give a pro a court, then it should be one that is completely enclosed like at Lafayette.

**Katherine Hammersly** spoke on behalf of her six-year-old son, who is one of Mike Howard's students at Julius Kahn. Her son has grown to love the game of tennis as a result of Mike's teaching. She stated that she walks her dog twice a day, every day, at Julius Kahn. Frequently there are no people on the courts at 8 a.m., even on Saturdays, so she wonders when the people are complaining about not being able to use the courts.

**Gil Howard**, who leases a court at Mountain Lake Park, said that initially there were some problems with people who have been playing at the courts for 20 years because they felt their spot was being taken away from them. He has many supporters and to his knowledge no complaints have been made in the past 12 months, except for one resident. He stated that pros with experience have no problem keeping the balls off the second court and offered to show inexperienced pros how to do it. He has \$2 million worth of insurance.



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He has given free clinics and will continue to do more. He and his son, Mike, will give free lessons to children on Saturday mornings. He will also offer drop-in clinics once a month because the people at Mountain Lake were so nice during the transition period. He feels this is a way of giving back to the community in addition to providing qualified tennis lessons at affordable rates. Teaching tennis is his livelihood and not something he decided to do on the spur of the moment. He would like to see the program continue.

**Marsha Howard**, who is at Mountain Lake Park, stated that safety is a pro's first and main concern. If renegade teaching is allowed, those individuals would have to take a middle court where it is much more difficult to control many balls. If the program is continued, it would ensure that courts are being leased to qualified people only. She distributed copies of an article from a national tennis magazine about her husband, Gil, as well as letters from people who could not be at today's meeting. She, her husband and son had a meeting with Superintendent of Recreation Joel Robinson, who suggested they do a youth program, so every Saturday morning from 8 to 9 a.m., they will provide group lessons for children who live in the neighborhood. She thinks that with better communication the program can be a success and bring limited revenue to the City to offset some of the costs.

**Joe Delaney**, who has been playing at Moscone for 20 years, said he hopes something can be done about the people who teach at Moscone. They have forced recreational players off the courts before they could finish their sets. He recommends that the program be restricted to single courts only, which would eliminate the problem of balls going into other courts. He disagrees with the Howards' plan to give lessons on Saturday mornings as it will only compound the problem of court availability. He feels lessons should be given during the week after the children get out of school.

**Ted Prokos** referred to the safety factor and the confusion of identifying which tennis balls belong to whom. There is a problem with balls coming over from students and this takes away from the public's privilege of playing tennis.

**Brian Fewer** stated that he and his wife play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the morning at Mountain Lake Park. They have never observed any conflicts in all the time Mr. Howard has been there. Perhaps the timing could be changed in some respects. They play until 10 a.m., and after that all the courts are empty. There might be exceptions, but on the whole tennis is in the morning and there are a lot of empty courts.

**Mimi Fewer** agreed with the statements made by her husband. Gil Howard is very careful about balls coming into other courts. They have played next to him on many occasions and have not had any conflicts. He has given a free seminar and they received some pointers. She has no complaints.

**Douglas Cartwright** reiterated what other speakers had to say about safety. Pros should use single courts in the City that are closed in and not heavily used. Using courts that are extensively used, such as Moscone, is just courting trouble. There have been near fights because of the pros coming on them and creating problems. He is very strongly opposed to the program and thinks the City should consider the legal problems involved.



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**TENNIS BID PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**John Lee**, a long-time resident of the Marina, said there are people at Moscone from morning to night. He agreed that there are self-contained courts that would be better.

**Alice Taylor** stated that she is opposed to the use of any courts in the City by pros for teaching. The courts have been paid for by the taxpayers, and they are for all of the citizens of the City, not for people to fatten their own wallets. She does not believe the anonymous benefactor who provided \$2 million to resurface courts would approve of the pros teaching on the courts. Moscone courts are heavily used and there are too many people waiting at all times, so the suggestion that the pros use them after school is not feasible.

**Mike Miller**, who plays at Moscone, said he finds it frustrating to wait and then have a pro come up and take his spot. It is also frustrating when balls keep interrupting, especially in the group lessons. He does think children have to play somewhere and someone has to teach them. He feels if the pros let the public finish playing and then do their job it would be best.

**Lisa Tull**, who plays on the Marina courts, said they are always packed with people there from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Times were not posted and the pro would come on and push people off. The people at Moscone are very upset and adamant about not wanting pros on their courts. She plays at Julius Kahn on the weekends, and Mike Howard is good at keeping balls on his court. The courts are taken by the pros on Saturdays and Sundays, and she has gotten used to it but others are not happy, especially some of the older people. The pro at Julius Kahn is very professional and does a good job, and it is a nice place to take lessons.

**Daniel Bushnell**, who has played at Mountain Lake for 25-30 years, said San Francisco's parks are almost little neighborhoods, little towns unto themselves. He is opposed to pros being able to push recreational players off the courts.

**Joe Salinas** stated that he is in favor of the program and sees it as a service to the community. He works with young people, and it gives them a place to go where they can mingle with other young people in a safe environment. It gives them an outlet where they can get exercise and participate in a sport that is safe and healthy.

**Ernest Arpatt**, who plays at Moscone, said there are secluded courts at Mission Dolores where pros can teach. Pros on crowded courts put a lot of people at risk. He pointed out that this is a very litigious society, and even though the Howards have insurance, people will still sue the City.

**Patricia Gray**, who has played at Moscone for 25 years, said she is against having lessons on those courts, because they are too well used. She thinks that even if teaching pros can have a court, it is going to be very dangerous having balls run across the courts. It is very hard to play when people are using a ball machine or using a lot of balls.





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**Roberto De Giulio** said he works at Golden Gate Park in the morning. For the last few years has helped run a free tennis and academic afterschool program for Potrero Hill youth. He said there are portable nets which can be strung between courts so balls will not stray. He likes what Gil and Mike Howard said about giving back to the community with free clinics. He is glad people have their traditions and have the ability to go out to their neighborhood courts and play, but there are young people who do not have a chance to be introduced to the sport. There are many at Potrero Hill who have never picked up a tennis racquet. He urged that the bids be re-done and that a certain amount of public service be included so that the community gets something as well as the teaching pro and the City.

**Katherine Allen** stated that her 13-year-old daughter has been taking private lessons from Gil Howard at Mountain Lake for several years and has developed into quite a fine tennis player. There are many members of the public who do not belong to private tennis clubs, and this program is a wonderful opportunity for people to get private instruction. She urged that Gil Howard be allowed to continue to give lessons.

**Linda Bucklin** spoke in favor of Gil Howard at Mountain Lake and feels very strongly about keeping the program. Mr. Howard is offering an incredible service to San Francisco and to people who do not belong to clubs. He is a seven-time national champion and is the number one ranked player in the world right now. She has taken lessons from him for over a year, and she has never seen any problems at Mountain Lake. Mr. Howard is an inspiration and everyone loves him. He is offering a service of such high quality to the City that it would be a mistake to lose it.

**Chuck Lantz** stated that he is the one complainant that Gil Howard mentioned. He lives near Mountain Lake, specifically 25 feet from court 2. He presented a petition signed by a number of people who work during the week and play tennis on the weekends and they are opposed to tennis instructions on weekends at Mountain Lake Park. He presented another petition that was filled out July 23-24 by people who were displaced from court 1 due to teaching taking place. There are a number of problems at Mountain Lake. The police have been called at least once, and one instructor was arrested. Tennis balls do get into other courts, and this prevents the other courts from being used by a serious tennis player. He is opposed to public supported/taxpayer supported tennis courts being used by a private enterprise. He and others gave the program a chance and withheld registering complaints for the first 12 months. They became angry when they found out the bid had been put out without prior notification to them.

**Ed Connor**, a native San Franciscan and resident for 58 years, stated that he has been taking lessons from Gil Howard for the last 15 years. Originally, private courts were available, but they have been phased out and he has been on public courts for the past 10 years. He suggested that the detriments and benefits of each site be evaluated and then determine on which sites pros should be allowed to teach. If a court has a tremendous demand or there are a lot of physical confrontations, it might not be an appropriate place for the program.



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**TENNIS BID PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**Jacques Cuisin**, a pro who rented three courts last year, feels there is a paying public and a public that does not pay and that both deserve equal rights to the public courts. He supports the suggestion that the sites be evaluated separately. He urged the Commission to come to some compromise that can satisfy both sides.

President Immendorf said that he sees both sides of the issue and believes there are two very different sets of circumstances. At Moscone there appears to be a consensus that it is a real problem because of the crowded conditions, yet at other courts there seems to be a lot of support. He suggested that each site be considered on a case-by-case basis, and he acknowledged that there are some good programs, especially with respect to working with children in the community.

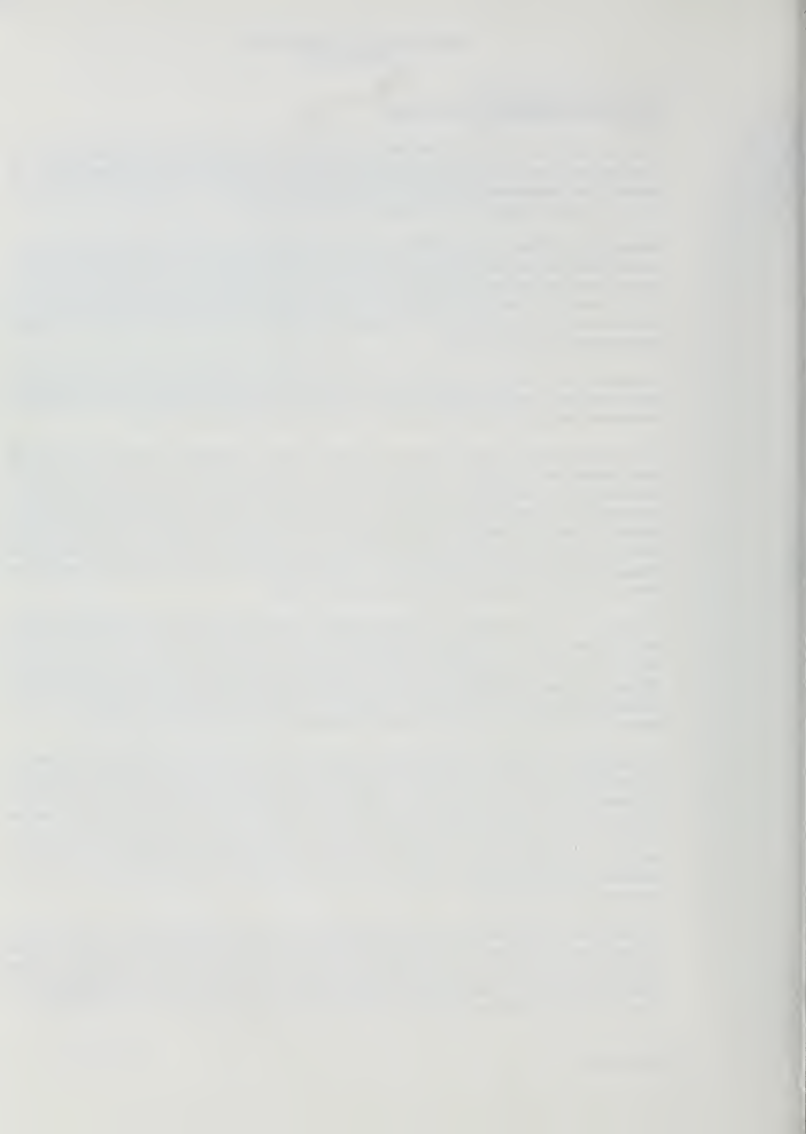
In response to President Immendorf and Commissioner Rovetti's questions, Mr. Robinson said there were approximately 25-30 complaints about Julius Kahn. The complaints focused on the public's inability to use the courts, particularly on weekends.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he is completely against eliminating any program that has been somewhat successful. Everyone cannot afford private clubs. The pros are doing something for the neighborhoods and the City, especially if they implement a program free of charge for young people of the City. He would like to see both sides meet each other halfway. If there is a program that is better off being eliminated to allow increased teaching on the courts, he is in favor of that. He believes the pros are dedicated people who do not charge the same rates as private clubs. He would like to see staff review the matter and attain a meeting of the minds before a decision is made.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Gil Howard said he charges \$40 an hour for a private lesson. He gives half-hour lessons for \$20 and gives a lot of 45-minute lessons for \$30. Group lessons consist of four people paying \$10 each. Private clubs charge anywhere from \$50-75 an hour. Another pro pointed out that rates vary and that he charges \$30 an hour, but he does not have Mr. Howard's background. He also said there are many pros who charge more than Gil Howard who do not pay rent to the City.

In response to President Immendorf's questions, Mr. Arnold said that if the program is discontinued, pros will continue to teach on the courts but they will not have the right to exclusive use of any court. There is nothing to prevent them from doing so now as long as they abide by the rules, which means they have to give up the court if someone is waiting to play. He stated that the Department has received the most complaints from Dupont, which is not included in this second bid package, and then Moscone and then pretty much equally, Mountain Lake and Julius Kahn. He is not aware of any complaints from Rossi and very few from Moffett.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Arnold said that if the program were discontinued, tennis pros would still be able to use park property for their lessons. Instead of looking at the similarity of not allowing people to sell things on park property, Mr. Arnold used the analogy of tour buses that charge people a fee to take them through Golden Gate Park. The Department maintains the park and the roads, yet it does not charge the tour



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buses a fee. Ms. Burns said it was also comparable to people who sell food without permits. The Department instituted food carts not only to collect a fair share but to regulate who is on park property.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Ms. Burns said bicycle races fall under the category of a special event. There is a fee schedule for events where there are more than 25 people.

Commissioner Chan said that he thinks public land should be for public use. He favors privatizing only if two purposes are served: 1) it is not incompatible with public interest and public need and 2) it generates sufficient income revenue to take care of other needs in the budget. In this instance, neither purpose is satisfied. There is a lot of public opposition, and only \$21,000 was made last year. Staff spent so much time administering the program, it may not have been justifiable. Based on these two points, he does not want to see the program continued.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said that staff spent a considerable amount of time handling complaints from people who said they were not allowed access to courts and were asked to move. The courts that are popular for teaching are also popular for pay. He does not believe it serves a public purpose because it trains tennis players, but as a lot of people testified today, there are a lot of people who already know how to play tennis who feel they are being excluded while other people are being trained. It is largely an economic argument from the property management staff to spend so much time fielding complaints and concerns from the public versus \$20,000 in revenue. The service side, which has not been discussed today, is whether there is enough public good being done by teaching people how to play tennis.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Robinson said that the Department does provide free lessons. Recreation directors teach the basics but nothing equivalent to what the pros are doing. During the summer, the National Junior Tennis League is around the entire city and teaches tennis free to young people. Mr. Robinson pointed out that the lessons taught by staff at Moscone were discontinued while the pro was there due to the complaints about court availability. He referred to the General Manager's Report wherein the Commission was advised that a compromise had been reached in a long-standing issue between tennis players and people who do tai chi at Parkside. One court will be set aside Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. for tai chi. It does not have a direct relationship to the tennis pros, but it will infringe on tennis time.

President Immendorf suggested that perhaps the program could be continued at Rossi and Moffett.

Mr. Robinson said that if the decision is made to continue the program, some caveat should be placed in the bid package that there is a give-back to the community along the lines of free tennis lessons for youth and free clinics to the community.



**6. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**  
**TENNIS BID PROPOSAL (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16991**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves continuation of the program at Rossi and Moffett with the caveat that there will be some type of a give-back program to the community as discussed between the pros and Mr. Robinson.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Chan

***3:30-3:40 p.m., the Commission recessed the meeting.***

**7. CHINESE PLAYGROUND**  
**HANG AH ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS**

Approval of improvements to Hang Ah Alley at Chinese Playground.

**Assistant Landscape Architect Marvin Yee** stated that Hang Ah Alley is located in Chinatown between Sacramento and Clay Streets adjacent to Chinese Playground. The majority of the alley is under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department while 59 feet of the alley measured from Sacramento Street falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. The alley was last improved in 1983 and has since deteriorated. Commission approval is being sought for improvements to the alley, which generally consists of replacement of existing items—trees, benches and bollards. An upgrade to the existing items would be exposed aggregate paving with smooth bands located at regular intervals along the alley. The bands will have inscriptions in both English and Chinese to describe the history of the alley. This improvement is sponsored by the Chinatown Resource Center and funded through the Mayor's Office of Community Development block grants and is estimated to cost \$150,000.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16992**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves improvements to Hang Ah Alley at Chinese Playground.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer





## 8. SOUTH OF MARKET RECREATION CENTER MURAL

Superintendent of Recreation Joel Robinson explained that the Department is asking for approval of the placement of a ceramic mural on the Folsom Street side of South of Market Recreation Center. The artist could not be present, but there is design concept in Commissioners' packets. The actual ceramic material was shown at the Recreation Program Committee. Photographs of the young people who are participating in the project will be transferred on to ceramic pieces and become part of the project. It appears to be a quality project, and the artist has done work with the Department previously. It will give young people in the neighborhood an opportunity to participate in the design of art work that will become a part of the facility. If approved by the Commission, it will be forwarded to the Art Commission for its approval.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Robinson explained that although the staff write-up specifies a maintenance endowment of \$500 for five years, efforts are being made to obtain a perpetual endowment. Mr. Robinson pointed out that the mural will be covered with a graffiti-resistant coating, so that it can easily be wiped clean.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16993

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves of the mural project at South of Market Recreation Center.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

## 9. RANDALL MUSEUM THEATER RENTAL FEES

Approval to increase Randall Museum Theater rental fees.

Randall Museum Director Amy Dawson, explained that the Randall Museum is proposing an increase in its theater rental fees. Fees have not been increased since 1990, and the Museum now has a completely remodeled theater. She pointed out that there is a revised packet at the Commissioners' places that outlines the three categories of rental fees. Individuals and groups whose missions are aligned with the Randall Museum will pay lower fees than large for-profit groups. The criteria for determining alignment with the Museum's mission is included in Commissioners' packets. The criteria is fairly broad and it is not necessary to meet all the criteria; one is enough to qualify. She requested that the increase in rental fees become effective upon Commission approval.

In response to Commissioners Rovetti and Ruiz's questions, Ms. Dawson explained that the information in the Commission binders was superseded by information distributed at the September Recreation Program Committee meeting. The revised information packet



9. **RANDALL MUSEUM  
THEATER RENTAL FEES (Continued)**

provided to the Commission today is the same information the Recreation Program Committee reviewed and approved to the full Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16994**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the increase in Randall Museum Theater rental fees.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK  
DE LAVEAGA DELL  
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE  
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT**

Approval of agreement with the Tides Foundation for the AIDS Memorial Grove at the De Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park.

**Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold** pointed out to Commissioners that the wording in the item has been altered slightly as indicated in the new packet at their places. He explained the essential changes: 1) On the first page, four new paragraphs have been added which constitute a preamble that explains why it is being done, why the AIDS Memorial Grove is involved and clarifies the gift. 2) The addition of Attachment F, which specifically indicates where signs will be. There will be four directional signs that tell people where the AIDS Memorial Grove is located and two signs on site—one on Middle Drive and one on Bowling Green Drive. 3) An indemnification clause has been added on page 5, paragraph 8. There is only one more issue that needs to be resolved. There are two paragraph 8's; the second paragraph 8 needs to be changed to 9 and the following paragraph changed to 10. All other issues have been addressed and resolved, and the Department recommends approval.

**Jack Porter**, one of the first volunteers at the Grove who has not missed a work day since they began in September 1991, thanked the Commission. When his partner passed away, the memorial money that was collected was the first seed money to establish the Grove. It has been wonderful to see this project grow in five years from an idea to a grove.

**David Smith Fox**, a Deputy City Attorney on sick leave, said that Al Schaff, former Personnel Director for the Recreation and Park Department, was his initial link to the Grove effort. He appreciates the work of the Board, Mary Burns and the staff. His late partner was one of the first people to suggest that De Laveaga Dell would be an appropriate site. The project is very beautiful and he thanked the Commission for its help.



**10. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
DE LAVEAGA DELL  
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE  
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT (Continued)**

**Kerry Enright**, Executive Director of the AIDS Memorial Grove, stated she was present on behalf of the Board and all the volunteers to thank the Commission for its help. It was a tough three months and there were many discussions about the project. She publicly thanked Mary Burns for all of her time. She also thanked Phil Arnold, Deborah Learner, Jim Cooney, Kevin Shea, Jim Max, Jim Lucey, Elaine Molinari and Shauna Rose, stating that without their assistance the project would not be at this point today.

**Ayse Manyas Kenmore**, a member of the Board of Directors and Co-chair of Development, thanked the Commission. She has been involved with the project from the beginning and has lost more than 100 friends to the pandemic. The Grove is not just for people in San Francisco who have lost people but for people all over the country. People come for meditation, renewal and hope. This will be an historic gift that the Commission made possible.

**Phyllis Gomez**, who lost her son almost five years ago, is one of the initial "dirt diggers." Every time she gets down on her knees and digs dirt, it helps her overcome.

Commissioner Rovetti said that the project is very close to him. He is very attached to his employees and has lost five to AIDS.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16995**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the agreement with the Tides Foundation for the AIDS Memorial Grove at the De Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

**10a. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
LEASE AMENDMENT**

**Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold** explained that when this item was last before the Commission there were outstanding issues that have now been resolved. He said the Commissioners' packet outlines the changes in the lease extension.

1) The terms of the lease would be extended to the end of 1999 with a five-year option to extend to the end of 2004. This is the Giants option; the City would be committed to extending the lease if the Giants so chose. During this period, the Giants can opt out of the following season if they advise the City by July 1 of that year; the City does not have that right.



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2) The Giants have agreed to assume responsibility for security within the stadium during baseball games. Currently, the City has this responsibility, although the Giants have been paying for security inside the stadium.

3) The Giants agreed in principle to helping the 49ers during the overlap between baseball and football. This was a very difficult negotiating point that involved both professional baseball and football at the league level as well as at the team level. The compromise language is at the Commissioners' places. It guarantees that baseball will provide weekend openings for football--two in August, two in September and not require football to play more than three consecutive games on the road. There is a very remote possibility that if the Giants are in the playoffs, division championships and world series and are the home team for all those games, they might be in town four consecutive weekends and that would present a problem. The 49ers maintain that playing four weekend games on the road is unsatisfactory to them. The Giants have agreed to deal with this scenario should it ever occur as a condition of their lease. The City would then be able to guarantee to the 49ers that they would not have to play more than three consecutive games on the road. This is important to the Department, because if baseball chose to schedule all the weekends during August and September, the 49ers might need to relocate some of their games. This would be a major revenue loss because each football game generates more than \$400,000 of income to the Department that helps finance Candlestick Park. The new language defines what weekend means as well as the time before and after the event that the Department has to convert the stadium from baseball to football or vice versa. Currently there is no such definition. The Giants current lease has a 36-hour rule, which requires the Department to give the Giants a field that is playable 36 hours before their event. During the crossover season, the Department has had to petition the Giants to waive the 36-hour rule to allow for a football game and then convert back to baseball, which gave them fewer than 36 hours to prepare for their baseball game. They have agreed to waive that in crossover season times when there is a football game on a weekend and then a baseball game following. They have also guaranteed that the Department will have at least 42 hours to convert the stadium from baseball to football and vice versa; there is no such guarantee in the current lease. This year, before the strike occurred, the Department was looking at a turnover in less than 24 hours, which has never been done and is questionable whether it could be done. In the event that the Giants schedule a game which does not allow 42 hours to convert the stadium, they have agreed to pay whatever incremental costs are involved in converting the stadium. This is a major concession on the part of the Giants to the Department and the 49ers. The 42-hour window is longer than the Department has now, but it has never been tested. Mr. Arnold explained to the Giants that the Department does not know that it can do this even though a commitment has been made. The Giants have agreed to work with the Department in the event that it just cannot be done.

President Immendorf pointed out that the Department and the Commission have worked very hard and closely with with both teams and that the Giants have made a major concession.





**10a. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)**

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that if the Giants were to be in the playoffs, championships and world series, the 49ers would not have to play elsewhere because the Giants have guaranteed that the 49ers would not have to play four consecutive games on the road.

**Jack Bair**, representing the Giants, explained how the playoffs work in baseball. One year the American League hosts games 1, 2, 6 and 7 of the world series and these are weekend games; the National League hosts games 3, 4 and 5, which are weekday games. Every other year the National League takes up two weekends in the month of October. Divisional playoffs and league championships also work on a rotation system. If those rotation systems land where the Giants are the host team on weekends, there is a 1 in 112th chance that the Giants would be the host team for four weekends in a row. By agreeing to the 49ers language, the Giants would have to play one or two games, three at the most, at another location. If this were to occur, the Giants would meet with the Department and the 49ers to see what could be worked out. Because it is such a remote possibility, the Giants have agreed to it because the 49ers have refused to change their position. In the worst case scenario the Giants would have to play a game or two in Oakland.

Commissioner Ruiz stated that he does not concur with the lease agreement. He finds a number of flaws with it and believes it is a one-sided lease agreement. The City is giving the Giants a five-year lease extension, but they have the right to give four months' notice to terminate the lease. This is unfair to the City and allows only four months to find someone else to rent the stadium. Commissioner Ruiz also disagreed with the provision that the Giants would be entitled to rent credits in the event the City decided to impose an admission tax on baseball tickets. He also expressed disagreement with the Giants being entitled to rent credits for capital improvements to Candlestick Park. He finds it offensive that the 49ers can review the capital improvement requests but do not have the right to approve them.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's comments, President Immendorf said his points were well taken. He explained that this is a continuation of a lease that is already in progress and in effect as a result of concessions that the City made to the new owners of the Giants in order to keep the team in San Francisco. The tax credits are already in effect, except the Giants have to go back every year to the Board of Supervisors to seek a specific exemption. By making it part of the lease, the Giants would not have to petition the Board each year. Candlestick is a multi-purpose stadium. If the Giants ask for a rent credit for capital improvements that benefit baseball and not football, it did not seem equitable since the Giants will probably be in the process of attempting to locate a site for a new stadium. The City agreed to this based on the fact that the Giants might want to move to a new stadium. There is a safeguard in that the Commission has to approve any rent credits for improvements by the Giants that are over \$50,000. President Immendorf pointed out that the lease amendment has been held up for four months. He recommended that the Commission approve it and pass it on to the Board of Supervisors for their review and approval.



**10a. CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)**

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's concerns, Jack Bair explained that the Giants have a yearly out in the current lease, and if a new ball park were to become available it would allow them to get out of the lease at Candlestick and enter into a lease with a new ball park. The previous team owners suffered tremendous financial losses and attempted to sell the team to Tampa Bay. A group of local investors came forward and purchased the team and is working very hard to put the team back on its feet. The yearly out is very important in the event of financial disaster. The owners of the Giants are San Francisco residents and care very much about keeping the team in San Francisco. Efforts are being made to put a ball park package together that will hopefully solve the problems with the existing stadium lease. There is an important protection in the lease that the City has not had previously. Before the current ownership can sell the team out of town, there would be a formal period of time in which local buyers could come forward.

In 1970, when Candlestick Park was proposed for football orientation, there was a tax imposed on stadium admissions to finance the enclosure of the ball park. That addition to the ball park was not to the advantage of the baseball tenant. Every year for the last 25 years, the Board of Supervisors has waived the admissions tax against the Giants because it was understood from the beginning that they should not pay for improvements to make the stadium whole so that a football team could be brought in. It has been put into the lease so that the Giants will not have to go before the Board every year to have the tax waived. It is a fair approach and reflects the historical nature and present set-up of Candlestick Park.

The rent credits for capital improvements are contingent on Commission approval. The Giants can present suggestions that might make the ball park better, and the 49ers are involved in commenting on these suggestions. The Commission has the final say and decides whether they are appropriate items for rent credits. Anything under \$50,000 can be approved by the General Manager. The 49ers have a rent credit provision in their lease, and the Giants are asking for a similar provision. Anything above \$50,000 has to be approved by staff and the Commission. It is not a give-back to the Giants; it is a vehicle for making improvements to the stadium that the Commission would like to have made.

Mr. Bair responded to Commissioner Ruiz's subsequent question concerning the provision that allows the Giants to terminate the lease in any year and the four-month window of opportunity for someone to buy the team. In August 1992, there was an announcement that the team was being sold to Tampa. The Mayor and others got involved and asked local businesspersons to try and purchase the team. This group was going to make an offer known at the beginning of September, but Bob Lurie said he had a contract with Tampa and would not speak with local investors.



**10a. CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**  
**LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)**

The National League had to get involved and in December voted to keep the team in San Francisco. That process took four months but that was unusual. There may come a time when the owners might have to sell the team under financial duress. The lease amendment before the Commission is an opportunity for San Francisco to keep its team in the event the current owners cannot make a go of it financially. This opportunity did not exist before.

Commissioner Chan said that he asked the same question regarding the four-month issue at the Finance Committee meeting and was told to let staff, the City and the Giants work through the matter. Initially, he disagreed with the four-month period. In reality, the Giants will not be able to walk out in four months or even six months or a year. The Oakland A's have been trying to sell out for the past couple of years. The process of finding a buyer and the drawing up the various agreements and such will take a lot longer than four months to accomplish.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold stated that Mr. Bair's statement that the Giants have an annual option out was an amendment that had to do with the building of a downtown stadium. The City Attorney believes that is moot now. The lease expires at the end of the current baseball season, so unless they extend it, Amendment 2 goes away with the lease. If this is not extended or amended, there is no out because there is no lease. With an extension, this would supersede Amendment 2, which gave them the out if there was a downtown stadium and if several things happened. None of those things ever happened.

President Immendorf pointed out that in the early stages of negotiations, he had some of the same concerns. He did not think it was proper to have a lease where there was no commitment past June of any year and within four months the team could leave. This issue was discussed at great length with the City Attorney, and the other lease was examined and options and commitments reviewed. He does not believe the Department nor the City is being shortchanged. In fairness to the Giants, who have made a major concession that the 49ers approved, it is time for the Commission to pass this matter on to the Board of Supervisors for their review.

Commissioner Rovetti agreed that perhaps it is time to move the item on to the Board, but the Commission has the right to know and get answers to its questions. He is still concerned with the Giants' right to notify the Commission that they are leaving in four months if a local buyer is not found.

Mr. Bair reiterated that the lease provides that on July 1 of any year, the Giants can give notice of their intention to terminate the lease at the end of the season but cannot sell the team out of town until the City has had four months to solicit local buyers. An agreement has been developed that gives the City the opportunity to preserve its team in the event the current owners are forced to sell the team due to financial difficulties. This was not the case in the past.



**10a. CANDLESTICK PARK**  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**  
**LEASE AMENDMENT** (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz said he can understand the need to sell the team due to financial difficulty. The Commission has a responsibility to make sure the City gets the best deal possible. He said that the four-month advance notice is not acceptable and should be increased. The Giants should give at least one year advance notice.

Mr. Arnold stated that he originally requested three years' notice. However, four months, given the way the stadium is used, is really nine months. The end of baseball season is followed by football season, which lasts through December. No events are scheduled during football season. Typically, Candlestick is not in an event phase January through March due to construction work or inclement weather. The rental season starts around the first of April. If the Giants give notice July 1, the Department has the balance of the baseball season, the full football season and then a down period until April to determine what will be done without baseball.

Mr. Bair responded to Commissioner Ruiz's request that the Giants be reciprocal and understanding of the City's situation. The Giants pay full rent and paid more rent last year than ever in the history of the Giants franchise. They fund half of the afterschool sports programs for all public schools. The Giants have no intention of leaving San Francisco and plan to stay and flourish in San Francisco long into the future.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16996**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the sixth amendment to the stadium lease with the San Francisco Giants.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti

Noes: Commissioner Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

**10b. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**  
**TEMPORARY SCULPTURE**

Consideration of temporary installation of the United Nations Umbrella sculpture from October 1994 to June 1995 at Justin Herman Plaza.

Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold explained that the proposed location for the umbrella sculpture is Justin Herman Plaza. He passed around pictures of the proposed sculpture and told Commissioners there is map showing the specific site location. The Department has not had much lead time on this item. A lot of issues are still being discussed with the proponents. Staff is prepared to make a conditional recommendation. The Department needs to make sure that the sculpture does not preclude other already scheduled events. It does not present a problem for the Embarcadero Center's ice rink or beach volleyball program. They have have seen the pictures of the sculpture and feel it would be an asset.





**10b. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**  
**TEMPORARY SCULPTURE (Continued)**

Staff still needs to check with the Permits Division to make sure there is nothing else scheduled that would be precluded by the sculpture. The project sponsors have obtained insurance that protects the City. Permit fees will depend on whether the installation is co-sponsored by the Art Commission; a private installation of art work requires a fee under current Commission policy. This item has not gone to the Art Commission yet and will not until November 7 at the earliest. If the Commission approves the site location, the Art Commission will then review the art work. If they adopt it as their project, the permit fee can be waived; if not, the fee would be negotiated through the Department's Permit Division.

An electric line will need to be run overhead, on the ground or underground. This has not been worked out yet and would need to be a condition before approval is granted. Restoration to the area is expected to be minimal. There may be some chipping from the concrete block on which the sculpture will be bolted. The Department still needs to work out some sort of agreement that will guarantee that any damage will be repaired. The sponsors do not believe there will be a vandalism problem, but they have agreed to repair the sculpture in the event there is. The Department does not expect any need to remove the sculpture but must have the right to remove it if any problem arises. Staff recommends the Commission approve the installation on the condition that the administrative requirements are satisfied.

**Mort Bebe**, representing the World Centre, said the first-time showing of the umbrella was at Yerba Buena Center two weeks ago. The structure, which was there for one week, was installed and removed without creating any damage. The umbrella structure would be a wonderful project to enhance the feeling of Justin Herman Plaza and the Embarcadero Center. For the most part, the umbrella will be closed and only opened for special events. When the umbrella is open, it is like a gigantic umbrella used in photography as a reflector. The light disseminates softly over the entire Plaza. The symbolism behind the sculpture is the umbrella of nations and San Francisco is the city where the United Nations Charter was developed. The umbrella's material is lightweight and lasts 50 years.

In response to Superintendent of Parks Ron de Leon's question, Mr. Bebe said the crane can install the sculpture from the raised portion of the Plaza. It will not be necessary to access the brick tiles of the Plaza's floor.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 16997**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the temporary installation of the United Nations Umbrella sculpture from October 1994 to June 1995 at Justin Herman Plaza subject to Art Commission approval and compliance with departmental administrative requirements.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer



## 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Susan Douglas**, representing the Academy of Sciences, reported on the success of its summer program, Camp Academy, done in collaboration with the Recreation and Park Department. A professional evaluation will be forwarded to the Commission at the end of the month.

Ms. Burns explained that the idea for the program came about at a roundtable discussion. Essentially, it was a matter of putting Academy staff and children in Recreation and Park Department programs together. The program has proved to be very successful. On behalf of staff, Ms. Burns thanked Ms. Douglas and suggested that this type of program might be a model for funding under the Crime Bill.

**Emeric Kalman** expressed his concerns regarding the Marina Yacht Harbor. He asked for the completion date on repairing the westend restrooms that have been closed since the 1989 earthquake. He also asked for the number of vacant berths.

President Immendorf assured Mr. Kalman that Superintendent of Parks Ron de Leon would provide answers to his questions by the next Commission meeting.

**Joan Girardot**, representing the Marina Civic Improvement Association, offered comments on the dredging project. She felt that the sand from Barney's Beach should have been mined and sold, rather than dredged and dumped. She pointed out that dredging is not taking place on the north side of the spit simultaneously with dredging at the mouth of the harbor, which will result in the mouth of the harbor filling up again right away. She stated that the type of technology which was specified in the contract was a clam shell digger, which cannot suck under the docks and between the fingers, so it is not being done. She criticized the lack of competitive bidding. The process should be have been started sooner to avoid time constraints. As a result, the City received only one bid. She requested a copy of the letter from the City Attorney stating that it was okay to suspend the Charter and let the contract go with only one bid. She complained that the five-year dredging program they were promised has not been implemented.

President Immendorf acknowledged that Ms. Girardot points are valid and assured her that Mr. de Leon would respond to her concerns.

**Jack Bair**, representing the San Francisco Giants, informed the Commission that the Giants would not be raising their ticket prices next year. He also offered to meet with Commissioner Ruiz or any other Commissioner to clarify any concerns they may have regarding the Giants franchise.

## 12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Note for the Record: The President did not submit a President's Report.*



13. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- ♦Joint Zoo Committee meeting of September 7, 1994
- ♦Recreation Program Committee meeting of September 28, 1994
- ♦Parks and Planning Committee meeting of October 4, 1994
- ♦Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting of October 6, 1994

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the 697th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Madeleine Licavoli  
Acting Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters slated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.



San Francisco, California  
November 17, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

698TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Eighth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 17, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

Absent: Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 1994, were approved as presented.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

*EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION* Each month an outstanding employee is nominated by the Parks Division for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Philip Rossi is being honored for his extraordinary managerial skills. Phil is the Nursery Specialist in charge of the Golden Gate Park Nursery. He supervises the propagation, care and development of the plant materials used throughout the Department—from the annual beds in the Conservatory Valley to the trees for the Golden Gate Park Reforestation Program. Jim Cooney, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentation.





### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*BUDGET* The Mayor's budget office has given the Recreation and Park Department a preliminary allocation of general fund support for the 1995-96 fiscal year. This preliminary allocation is \$2.6 million less than the current year's allocation. In addition, the Mayor's budget office has directed the department to absorb an estimated \$2 million in personnel costs resulting from recent City agreements with two employee organizations. Thus, the Recreation and Park Department is facing a combined reduction in general fund support of approximately \$4.6 million for 1995-96. This reduction is approximately 21% of the total general fund allocation received during the current fiscal year. However, the general fund allocation includes \$4 million for the management contract for the Zoo which is fixed at that amount by the Board of Supervisors. If the Zoo contract is maintained, then the reduction must come from the remaining general fund support which amounts to a reduction of over 26% for the department. A budget reduction of this magnitude would be equivalent to the following program reductions:

- ⇒ Withdrawal of all maintenance from approximately one-third of the City's neighborhood parks; or
- ⇒ Reduction of youth recreation programs by approximately 50%; or
- ⇒ Elimination of all adult recreation programs and the entire urban forestry program in neighborhood parks and Golden Gate Park; or
- ⇒ Elimination of all horticultural maintenance in Golden Gate Park; or
- ⇒ Elimination of all administrative and support staff as well as all payments for services provided by the City Attorney, Purchaser and Department of Public Works.

*GIANTS LEASE AMENDMENT* Yesterday, the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors requested that several changes be made to the Sixth Amendment to the Stadium Lease with the Giants which was approved by the Commission. These changes include clarification that the Giants will pay for the full cost of security inside the stadium, that the Giants will continue to pay the stadium operator admission tax on tickets over \$25 and on games where the attendance exceeds 42,500 and that rent credits in excess of \$50,000 must be approved by the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors. Since the Board of Supervisors cannot modify a lease, these changes must be approved by the Commission. Because of timing requirements, a special meeting of the Commission is being scheduled for December 1 to consider these changes to the lease with the Giants.

*CANDLESTICK PARK CUSTODIAL SERVICES CONTRACT* The dispute with the custodial contractor at Candlestick Park remains unresolved. Therefore, the Department has again been forced to declare an emergency in order to provide replacement custodial services for the game on Sunday with the Rams. (An emergency was also required for the Dallas game last week.) The situation for the balance of the season is uncertain. However, the Purchaser has informed us that we will not be able to include a requirement in future contracts that City contractors pay their workers.

*TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER* Construction on the new recreation center in the Tenderloin is ahead of schedule. We now anticipate that the facility will be ready for occupancy in early January. It is estimated that the facility will require six full-time staff. Unfortunately, the Recreation Division is currently facing a projected shortage in its personnel budget. Therefore, a full schedule of programs at this new center may not be possible.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*PINE LAKE* On November 10, the Recreation and Park Department received a letter from Dr. Sandra Hernandez, Director of Public Health, notifying us that the "water polluted" signs are no longer warranted at Pine Lake and may be removed. This action follows an intensive investigation into the source of the sewage contamination and inspection of Recreation and Park and residential sewer lines. The most recent sampling tested from Pine Lake shows that the levels of ammonia, detergent and uric acid are remaining the same or decreasing. Results from the bacteriological tests are quite low and are remaining constant which substantiates the case that this was a single event. The Department of Public Health will be working with the Recreation and Park Department to develop a plan to monitor and maintain the lakes of San Francisco.

*MARINA YACHT HARBOR DREDGING* The first dredging episode in the five-year plan proposed for the San Francisco Small Craft Harbor was completed in October. Forty thousand cubic yards of dredge material was removed from west harbor, including approximately 24,000 cubic yards of sand from Barney's Beach. Most of the sand was transported to an upland site rather than dumped at Alcatraz. This process of depositing good quality sand at an upland site for a beneficial use prolongs the usefulness of the Alcatraz dump site and is favored by the regulatory agencies. Recreation and Park staff along with the Department of Public Works are talking to the regulatory agencies regarding the implementation of a feasibility study to mine 30,000 cubic yards of sand on the outside of the jetty near the entrance to the west harbor. The study would determine whether or not the creation of a "sump" in this area would prevent the movement of sand around the tip of the jetty and into the west harbor entrance. If successful, sand mining in this area could greatly reduce the cost of dredging this area. It is our hope that the permit can be approved administratively by the regulatory agencies, but that is yet to be determined.

*MONKEYS* On November 9, following a wind/rain storm, a large eucalyptus branch fell into the patas monkey exhibit at the Primate Discovery Center. The five monkeys climbed out of the exhibit into the Zoo. One male and one female returned to the exhibit later that afternoon, and the next day another female jumped back in. One patas was seen on Zoo grounds yesterday morning and was caught and returned to the exhibit. The remaining patas was spotted on Zoo grounds early today and was safely placed back in the exhibit at noon today.

*MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LOCAL 856* The Memorandum of Understanding between Teamsters Local 856, representing civil service animal keepers at the Zoo, and the City of San Francisco, which was agreed upon and signed in July of this year, was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on November 7. The agreement will be implemented on December 1, 1994, and should provide improved animal care and professional management of the staff.

*MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS* The City was before the U.S. Court of Appeals yesterday in a hearing on the legality of the Mount Davidson Cross being located on public property. As you will recall, the City had prevailed in an earlier suit brought by a number of organizations, including the Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the ACLU. Written briefs had already been submitted, and oral arguments were heard before a three-judge panel. The matter was taken under submission with a decision to follow. In some complicated cases, this may take up to a year.



### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

*RECREATION DIVISION - REDUCED HOLIDAY STAFFING* The Recreation Division's Christmas vacation schedule will be substantially reduced for the 1994 holiday season. The Division is experiencing a deficit in the salary account that must be balanced by June 30, 1995. Hopefully, the traditional rainy season will soon be here and more savings can be accomplished through this method. Traditionally, part-time hours have been increased during the Christmas holiday because the children are out of school. However, this year the Recreation Division will operate on its normal hours because of this shortfall.

*WIRED YOUTH SAN FRANCISCO MEDIA FESTIVAL* A group of children at Argonne Playground, produced an eight-minute movie video, "The Snails Take Over the Park" this past summer. The video was chosen to be screened at the Wired Youth San Francisco Media Festival, an annual media celebration and festival sponsored by the Exploratorium and Artists' Television Access that celebrates the fresh vision and creativity of young film and videomakers. Videos from all over the country were submitted and only 15 were chosen for screening. Congratulations to Recreation Directors Tera Wattles and Marci Klane on this innovative summer project.

*REHABILITATION PROJECTS AWARDS* The Recreation and Park Department has recently received awards for two of its rehabilitation projects: Spreckels Temple of Music: The American Concrete Institute has selected the Spreckels Temple for special recognition with the "Use of Concrete Award" for a seismic retrofit. The Randall Museum Theater: The current issue of Interior Design is featuring the recently completed project at the Randall Museum. The magazine, Interiors, has given the project an award in its annual competition and will feature it in their January issue. The San Francisco Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has given the project a merit award in its interior awards program.

*SUPER BOWL 1999* San Francisco has been selected as the host city for Super Bowl XXXIII in January 1999. Several improvements will be made at Candlestick Park prior to the Super Bowl. The scope of the work is currently being determined, but may include such projects as a new football press box, renovated locker room facilities, additional seating, a new field irrigation system and a variety of upgrades to meet ADA requirements. The City has entered into a contract with the architectural firm of Anderson, DeBartolo and Pan to assist in the design of this work.

*SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS* The following claims, under \$5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of October 1994:

•Lie, Randolph	\$ 85.18	•Berney, Stanley P.	\$ 77.00
•Arbid, Sana	443.32	•Warren, Deral D.	608.84
•Strick, Jessica	125.94	•Cunnane, Thomas J.	100.00
•Tromborg, Carl E.	185.00	•Webb, Mager, Sr.	1,085.37
•Contreras, Lisa	247.81	•Coyle, David	134.49
•Ng, Shelman	1,161.60	•Matteucci, Steve	240.00
•Minor, D.	100.00	•Lovell, Thoreau	150.00
•Gabriel, Rheordan A.	351.12		



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### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### *DATES TO REMEMBER*

Friday, November 18, 1994	Embarcadero Center Ice Skating Rink opening ceremony; 12:00 noon; Justin Herman Plaza (operates through January 29, 1995)
Thursday, November 24, 1994	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Friday, November 25, 1994	Day After Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Thursday, December 1, 1994	Special Recreation and Park Commission meeting; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, December 1, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, December 5, 1994	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, December 6, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, December 7, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo"
Wednesday, December 14, 1994	Tree Lighting; 5:30 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolutions were adopted:

#### a. PERSONNEL MATTERS

RES. NO. 16998

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period October 1, 1994 through October 31, 1994.





#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

##### b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES. NO. 16999

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

**DONATED TO:**

University of Alaska  
Institute of Arctic Biology  
P. O. Box 7000  
Fairbanks, AL 99776-0180, USDA #96-C-019  
One (1) Female and One (1) Male Musk Ox

**DONATED FROM:**

Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley  
2650-B Senter Road  
San Jose, CA 95111,  
One (1) Female Virginia opossum

**DONATED FROM:**

Lee Schmidt  
839 Grayson Lane  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
One (1) Male Emu

##### c. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RES. NO. 17000

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission accepts the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statement for the year ending 6/30/94.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

#### GENERAL CALENDAR

##### 5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS KANGAROO (MACROPOD) EXHIBIT RENOVATION

Approval of the renovations to the kangaroo (macropod) exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

**Zoo Director, David Anderson**, explained that this item is a request to approve renovations to the kangaroo exhibit by making it a larger enclosure and a single exhibit. Staff is now in the process of moving the wallabies and wallaroos to a holding area to begin mixing the species. The construction project will begin in January and take 5 months to complete. The exhibit is located on a sloped hill and the public walk will be graded to better meet the American with Disabilities (ADA) standards. The exhibit will be terraced. Staff plans to reroute the Zebra train around the lake to the Aviary.

The public will enter the exhibit through a series of 2 gates which will give them the feeling that they are actually within the exhibit. A side enclosure is included in the renovation so that the red kangaroo, which may not mix well, can be housed separately. The renovation plan includes several night enclosures for the animals.







## 6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)**

### ♦ **Animal Collection**

- ⇒ Gorilla Baby was born
- ⇒ Bwana, the Silverback Male Gorilla passed away
- ⇒ New Male Black Rhino was acquired for breeding program
- ⇒ Acquired a New Male Ostrich for the breeding program
- ⇒ Musk Ox Calves were born
- ⇒ Birth of Koala and Wallaby
- ⇒ Acquired a new Female Otter for 2 Male Otters

In the past, there have been issues relating to the Zoo's veterinary program. However, the veterinary team is now considered top rated. Although the chief veterinarian will soon be leaving, the Zoological Society plans to begin an immediate effort to recruit a replacement.

### ♦ **Conservation Highlights**

- ⇒ The Bald Eagle Release Program continues
- ⇒ Three Andean Condors were recently released to Columbia, South America
- ⇒ Expanding the program in Madagascar
- ⇒ Negotiating to sponsor a South American for field conservation program.

♦ **Responsibilities to the Employees at the Zoo** The Zoo has reorganized and is now one single operation. The Zoo now has its own purchasing division and has created its own human resources department which works closely with the Recreation and Park Department's personnel officer. The support from the Department has been extremely important in making this partnership successful. There has also been assistance from the City's Civil Service Department to manage the remaining Civil Service employees at the Zoo. Since the partnership agreement the Zoo has suffered no layoffs, and has added new positions to replace some that were deleted through budget reductions made in the prior 3 years:

- ⇒ 2 Positions in Animal Care    ⇒ 2 Custodial Positions    ⇒ 1 Marketing Position
- ⇒ 1 Maintenance Positions    ⇒ 1 Security Position

### ♦ **Responsibilities to the Public**

- ⇒ Docent Program has reached 7,000 school children and groups with special needs
- ⇒ 15,000 people/disadvantaged groups visit the Zoo free of charge
- ⇒ The Zoo conducts workshops for teachers so that they understand how the students can use the Zoo in a good manner
- ⇒ Zoo Mobile Program has reached 10,000 people
- ⇒ 48,000 volunteer hours were given to the Zoo

♦ **Advertising Campaign and New Logo** The advertising campaign and new logo were created pro bono for the Zoological Society. Summer attendance figures were up 20% and 95% of Zoo visitors rated it good or excellent. This is the highest rating the Zoo has seen in the last 5 years. Media coverage has been excellent and special events at the Zoo such as the Zoo Run and Zoofest have become more popular. The annual night tour event set a record for the highest attendance ever.



## 6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)**

The Joint Zoo Committee has been very important and there have been 11 meetings with an average of 25 people attending the meetings. There have been Zoo tours, and informational presentations given to the Committee and the public. All of the animal transactions were discussed at the Committee level and the Recreation and Park Commission still oversees the Zoo, reviewing and approving capital projects, budget and major policies.

♦ **Attendance Figures** The attendance figures had declined in the past years and rebuilding attendance to 1 Million people per year is an important objective.

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>
Attendance	722,000	693,000	up 20% year-to-date
Members	27,000	27,000	28,500 year-to-date
Revenue	\$10.1 Million	\$12.9 Million	\$14.1 Million projected
Net Loss	\$290,000	\$520,000	\$1.0 Million*
Capital Investment	\$419,000	\$2.1 Million	\$3+ Million estimated

\*This is a planned deficit. The Society's budgeted Founders Fund transition dollars to cover these expenditures until increased revenues make up the deficit.

Mr. Anderson completed his remarks saying that creating a partnership was a tough decision and task. The Zoo was in a desperate situation in terms of its accreditation and being able to provide quality animal care. The Recreation and Park Commission took a bold step in approving the partnership which is working well. The partnership's first year can serve as an example of a successful venture between the City and a non-profit organization.

On behalf of the Commission, President Immendorf thanked Mr. Anderson, the Zoological Society and everyone involved in the operation of the Zoo. He recounted that when he began his term on the Commission discussions were taking place about closing the Zoo. He felt the partnership was working well and that one could look to previous administrations and commissioners for spearheading this innovative plan.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he felt staff at the Zoo was doing a tremendous job.

Commissioner Ruiz said that initially the partnership was portrayed by the newspapers as something that would fail. He felt it would be nice if the media could now emphasize the positive results and accomplishments that have occurred as a result of this partnership.

*Note for the Record: The Commission took no formal action on this item.*

## 7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY** **SIX MONTH REVIEW**

Review of the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03, Resolution 16907.





**7. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**  
**SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)**

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that Commission policy requires staff to report every six months on the Permit and Reservation Policy and to propose modifications that may be necessary. Mr. Robinson outlined the proposed modifications:

❶ Standardize the time allowed for amplified sound at the Bandshell and Sharon Meadow to make it consistent so that it will be permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

❷ Potrero del Sol. Staff has received complaints in the past from the community about events that used amplified sound even if the events abided by the terms of the policy. Staff received only a few requests for amplified sound at this park and he therefore proposed that amplified sound be prohibited at Potrero del Sol. He felt that the few requests for amplified sound could be relocated to Dolores Park.

❸ Previously the Commission gave staff the authority to administratively approve multiple day events that had taken place without incident or permit violations. President Immendorf has requested that the Commission review all multiple day events in the future. Mr. Robinson therefore proposed deletion of this language in the policy.

❹ American With Disabilities Act (ADA). There is language in the policy that addresses the needs relating to restrooms and accessibility. However, the policy does not clearly spell out the requirements and guidelines in light of the ADA policy. He proposed that language be added detailing the requirements and guidelines in light of the ADA policy.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Robinson explained that amplified sound does not include the use of a 10 watt hand held speaker which does not require a permit from the Police Department.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17002**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the revisions to the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03.

**APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

**Absent:** Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon



8. **MISSION PLAYGROUND**  
**PLAY AREA RENOVATION**

Approval of children's play area renovation at Mission Playground.

**Park Planner, Joanne Wilson**, displayed a drawing of Mission Playground, which is adjacent to 19th and Valencia Streets. There is a recreation building, a basketball and tennis area, a multi purpose baseball area and a children's playground. The condition of the existing children's play area is dilapidated, and does not meet current safety standards or disabled access requirements. The proposed renovation includes three main areas:

⇒ A tiny tot area for small children where the emphasis is on lower body development with a series of platforms, a clatter bridge, slide, climbers and a sand play area.

⇒ A play area for older children emphasizing upper and lower body development. There are 4 main platforms that are connected by climbing apparatus and a clatter bridge.

⇒ The active area where swings will be located: 2 swings for tots, a tire swing and 4 standard size swings.

A ramp to provide disabled access will be attached to the upper levels of the play area so that there is more social interaction opportunities for children in wheelchairs. Other improvements include new fencing fabric on the existing fence, modifying the pathway for disabled access around the playground, and safety surface matting at the various transfer points in the playground. Staff was able to expand the play area by using an existing asphalt paved area.

In response to President Immendorf's questions, Ms. Wilson explained that a combination of safety matting and sand was used at the playground. Safety surface matting was not used throughout the entire play area because it would cost an additional \$100,000. The surface complies with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) access requirements and children in wheelchairs will be able to access the playground via transfer points as well as a special ramp. By providing a special ramp, the play area design exceeds current accessibility requirements. The restrooms are located in the building and are accessible from the inside of the building.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that the restrooms are accessible from the outside as well but are usually kept locked for safety reasons. However, it does provide the option that if the building itself is not staffed, the restrooms can be opened from the outside.

In response to President Immendorf's comments, Ms. Wilson explained that the community has requested that the project include signage stating that the play area is for children only and that adults must be accompanied by a child. The budget for the project is \$200,000 and \$25,000 to date has been banked through the City's Open Space Fund. Staff has applied for a grant through the Mayor's Office of Community Development and it is estimated that \$96,000 will be received from this grant.

Ms. Wilson explained that at night people who are involved in illegal or undesirable activities often cut through the park. The planning staff is working on improvements to other areas of the park and will be considering solutions to protect the park.



8. **MISSION PLAYGROUND  
PLAY AREA RENOVATION (Continued)**

**RES. NO. 17003**

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves children's play area renovation at Mission Playground.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

9. **ST. MARY'S SQUARE  
PUBLIC RESTROOM INSTALLATION**

Approval of public toilet installation at St. Mary's Square.

**Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that a request has been made to place a handicap accessible public restroom at St. Mary's Square. The restroom will be maintained through a contract the City has with J. C. DeCaux Company. Staff feels the restroom will be placed in an advantageous location and the proposal stipulates that the advertising kiosks will not be placed on park property. Locations other than park property will have to be identified for the advertising kiosks.

In response to President Immendorf's question regarding the advertising kiosks, **General Manager, Mary E. Burns** said that the sidewalk adjacent to the park is not wide enough to place an advertising kiosk and that J. C. DeCaux has an opportunity to place advertising kiosks at other locations.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17004**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the public toilet installation at St. Mary's Square.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

10. **OPEN SPACE PROGRAM  
FIVE YEAR PLAN**

Approval of five year Open Space Program Plan.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Charter requires that there be a five year plan for Open Space expenditures and requires that the plan be updated annually. Once the plan is approved by the Commission it becomes the plan by which Open Space allocations are guided in the yearly planning process.



# **10. OPEN SPACE PROGRAM FIVE YEAR PLAN (Continued)**

The Open Space Advisory Committee has reviewed the 5 year plan and made some suggested modifications:

⇒ Establish goals and objectives to coordinate with the School District Community School Program and Redevelopment Agency projects.

⇒ Revenues are estimated at \$16 Million for next year's program. This dollar amount is the same level as this year's program. The Open Space Program has identified the costs for acquisition of multi year projects. The allocations have been established to give the Open Space Committee a guide.

⇒ The Five Year Plan identifies the specific proposals that are before the Open Space Committee for their review, consideration and eventual recommendation to the Commission. There are a substantial number of individual proposals.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question regarding soccer fields, Mr. Arnold explained that this past year a new category was set up to identify and fund the development of new soccer/athletic fields and the primary focus was to the lack of soccer fields in the Mission District. The City's major soccer fields are located in Golden Gate Park and Crocker Amazon and there is one practice field in the Mission. The Open Space Committee felt it would be appropriate to locate and fund a site for a major soccer field hopefully in the Mission. It appears that there may be a site in the Mission at 19th and Harrison Street.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17005**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the five year Open Space Program Plan.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioner's Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

# **11. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RENEWAL OF NURSERY SCHOOL LEASES**

Approval of renewal of nursery school leases at the following Recreation and Park Department properties:

- ◆ Haight Ashbury Cooperative at Grattan Playground (one year with four, one-year options)
- ◆ Glenridge Cooperative at Glen Park (one year only)
- ◆ Rocky Mountain Participation at Peixotto Playground (one year with four, one-year options)





**11. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
RENEWAL OF NURSERY SCHOOL LEASES (Continued)**

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that these 3 nursery schools have had long term leases with Recreation and Park which expired last June. Staff has reviewed each of them and supports their continued operation. Staff recommended a one year lease with 4 one year options retroactive to 6/1/94 for Haight Ashbury and Rocky Mountain Participation.

The same recommendation is not being made for Glenridge Nursery School at this time because there is an environmental issue relating to Glen Canyon. It relates to drivers bringing their cars into the Canyon to drop off and pick up children at the nursery school. The Department also uses this site for one of its day camp programs (Silver Tree). The site is located in a very sensitive natural area and staff is involved in developing a master plan for this site. It is not consistent to have vehicles traveling in and out of the Canyon area each day and a number of people have expressed concern. Therefore, staff recommended a one year lease for this site so that staff can meet with the nursery school, and the environmental community to discuss this issue.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17006**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the renewal of nursery school leases at the following Recreation and Park Department properties:

- ♦Haight Ashbury Cooperative at Grattan Playground (one year with four, one-year options)
- ♦Glenridge Cooperative at Glen Park (one year only)
- ♦Rocky Mountain Participation at Peixotto Playground (one year with four, one-year options)

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

**12. MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES  
AUTOMATED TEE-TIME SYSTEM**

Approval of new procedures for Automated Tee Time Services on Municipal Golf Courses and reservation fee effective March 1, 1995.

*Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.*

**13. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
MISSION STATEMENT  
PROGRAM FORMAT FOR 1995-1996 BUDGET REQUEST**

Approval of revised Mission Statement and revised program format for 1995-1996 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department.



**13. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
MISSION STATEMENT  
PROGRAM FORMAT FOR 1995-1996 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)**

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that the Recreation and Park Department is one of the 20 City departments that has been selected to participate in the mission driven budget program. This program requires the Department to establish a strategic plan, a mission and goal statement and to establish measurable objectives. Last spring the Commission adopted a mission statement for the Department. In reviewing that mission statement and the new requirements of a mission driven budget a modified mission statement was developed by a group of staff people who meet periodically with the General Manager to discuss strategic plans for the Department.

The proposed new mission statement will help staff to develop the mission and goals for the upcoming budget process. The revised mission statement reads as follows:

*The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department provides quality recreation and leisure experiences essential to San Franciscans and visitors. We offer:*

- ⇒ Safe and well maintained facilities and parks;
- ⇒ Opportunities for physical recreation and positive social and personal development;
- ⇒ Partnerships with the community recognizing shared needs and values; and
- ⇒ Environmental stewardship

Staff recommended that the Department be reconfigured into 6 programs; currently the Department has 11 different programs. The six programs would be grouped as follows:

- ⇒ Golden Gate Park                      ⇒ Candlestick Park                      ⇒ SF Marina
- ⇒ City wide Park Services              ⇒ City wide Recreation
- ⇒ Administrative and Support Services

If this receives approval, staff will then format the budget under these 6 programs.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Mayor's budget staff has proposed a \$10 Million reduction in the Children's Fund City wide for next year. The Department receives approximately \$8.5 Million from the Children's Fund. The Mayor's Budget Staff has developed 3 tiers for City Departments with Police, Fire, Sheriff and Muni considered the "A" priority and Recreation and Park considered as a "C" priority. It is unclear which city department are considered "B" priority.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17007**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the revised Mission Statement and revised program format for 1995-1996 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon



3:25 p.m. to 3:29 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session regarding Item #14.

#### 14. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

On recommendation of Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

##### RES. NO. 17008

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Debra Rominger in the amount of \$15,000.

##### APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

#### 15. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Lena Emery**, asked the Commission the status on the evaluation of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) lease. There had been discussion about conducting a survey of comparable rents for the area so that if the HANC permit is renewed consideration is given to charge fair market value rent for use of the park land.

President Immendorf explained that Commissioner Mazzola has made inquiries on this issue and staff is awaiting a response to his query.

**Emeric Kalman**, noted that the Golf Tee Starting Item (Item 12) was withdrawn from the agenda and read that the contract had been awarded and that another party had filed suit. He wanted to know who was awarded the contract and whom had filed a lawsuit. He asked if the contract was associated with Robert Lurie. Secondly, he discussed the Marina Yacht Harbor and said there are vacant berths which result in lost revenues to the City. He received a letter from the Superintendent of Parks, Ron deLeon, about the issue of empty berths and said the letter was vague. Mr. Kalman's documentation showed that as of 3/1/94 there were 50 unassigned berths. He was informed that Garrett Furuichi is no longer working at the Department and wanted to know who had replaced him when he has questions of staff.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that Mr. Kalman should discuss the issue of vacant berths with Mr. de Leon or himself; if it was a question of revenues. Mr. Kalman should contact Ms. Etai Chen; and if it was a question of budget he should contact Manuel Valle. Mr. Arnold further explained that at times Mr. Kalman's questions are rather complex and it would be helpful to know what Mr. Kalman was asking so that he could steer the question towards the appropriate staff person.

President Immendorf further explained that Fairway System was the successful bidder for the Golf Tee Starting Time contract. He was unaware of any lawsuit.



# **15. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Kevin Drew, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, updated the Commission on the Center's efforts to find another site, and explained he has had conversations with representatives at the Port and the Chief Administrative Officer regarding a location for the recycling center. HANC received their contract from the City's Office of Recycling and received \$4000 additional funding for recycling in Golden Gate Park. A community meeting was held with the neighbors about the recycling center in October and another meeting will be held in January. The center had a work party of 20 students from one of the middle schools and they cleaned the Kezar Corner.

# **16. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Immendorf explained that the issue of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease was heard at the October Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting where some accusations were made which staff is reviewing. There was some discussion about whether the matter would be considered at the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting in December or be considered directly by the full Commission on December 15, 1994. President Immendorf said that it was his understanding that Commissioner Mazzola intended it to be considered at the Committee level. Therefore, he asked the Commission Secretary to contact the Commissioner to clarify this question and to see if he had any objection to having the Commission consider it directly at the December 15, 1994 meeting.

President Immendorf also informed the Commission that Sue Sommer resigned from the Commission on 11/1/94. Mayor Jordan appointed Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon on 11/3/94.

Commissioner Rovetti felt it was wise to bypass the Committee meeting for the Stable lease and raised another issue. He wanted to have an item on future agendas entitled "Commissioner Issues or Matters" so that items that have been discussed in the past can be discussed. He explained that two months ago he raised the issue of the parking problem at Matthew Boxer Stadium. Presently, City College students use the parking lot all day and night and it cannot be used by park users. He wanted some sort of resolution to this problem.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon, said that it appears that the lot is being used by City College students and he has asked staff to monitor the area yet, to date, not one complaint has been registered with the Department.

# **17. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of October 5, 1994
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of November 1, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of November 3, 1994





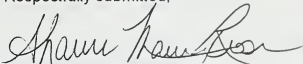
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18. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of the Carl Kalbsleich, father of Peggy Burks, the Executive Director of the San Francisco Zoological Society.

There being no further business, the 698th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shauna Marie Rose".

Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary



San Francisco, California  
December 1, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

# RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 1, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz  
Absent: Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President

#### 2. CANDLESTICK PARK SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS MODIFICATION TO SIXTH AMENDMENT OF LEASE

Consideration of modifications to the sixth amendment of the lease with the San Francisco Giants.

President Jack Immendorf explained that the Commission approved the sixth amendment of the lease with the Giants in September, 1994 and the lease amendment was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee. As a result of the report from the Board's Budget Analyst, some changes were recommended by the Budget Committee. The Giants agreed to those changes and the sixth amendment is now before the Commission for approval. He noted that the proposed modifications will generate more revenue to the Department.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee reviewed the Budget Analyst's report and asked for several modifications. The Board of Supervisors cannot amend the lease, they may only accept or reject the lease. However, the lease with the proposed modifications is calendared to be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Monday, December 5, 1994, contingent upon approval from the Recreation and Park Commission. The Board's Budget Committee has approved all of these changes. The Mr. Arnold outlined the modifications:



2. **CANDLESTICK PARK  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
MODIFICATION TO SIXTH AMENDMENT OF LEASE (Continued)**

**Stadium Operator Admission Tax** Currently a \$.50 per ticket stadium operator admission tax is assessed on SF 49ers and SF Giants tickets. Each year the Board of Supervisors has waived this \$.50 stadium operator admission tax except when attendance at a baseball games exceed 42,500. The Giants were seeking to have this waiver continued in the lease regardless of attendance levels but the Budget Committee did not want this change. The Giants have therefore agreed to pay the stadium operator tax for baseball games where attendance exceeds 42,500. There is also a stadium operator admission tax of \$1.50 on tickets costing \$25.01 or more. There are less than 300 field level seats for baseball which cost more than \$25.01. This modification will generate \$80,000 in revenue for the Department.

**Clarification on Security within the Stadium.** This clause clarifies the issue that the Giants will pay for the full cost of security inside the stadium. The original amendment used the term "reasonable cost". The Budget Analyst said that the term "reasonable" did not necessarily mean "actual" and calculated that perhaps as much as \$275,000 in police costs could be at issue with the term "reasonable cost". The amendment has been clarified to read that the Giants will pay for all actual costs of security inside the stadium.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the language will now read, "If the Police Department and the tenant are unable to agree on an amount that constitutes the actual cost of such uniformed police, then the Chief of Police shall determine the amount." The Budget Committee asked that this language be included in the lease amendment and the Giants have agreed to this change.

**Rent Credits** The lease modification approved by the Commission in October allowed for rent credits above \$50,000 with the approval of the Recreation and Park Commission. The Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors also wanted approval rights on any rent credit above \$50,000. The language has been modified to reflect this change.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17009**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the modifications to the sixth amendment of the lease with the San Francisco Giants.

*Approved by the following vote:*

*Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Soloman, Rovetti, Ruiz*

*Absent: Commissioner Mazzola*



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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

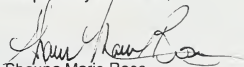
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

*Note for the Record: No public comment was received.*

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary





San Francisco, California  
December 15, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 15, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President  
Commissioner Sidney Chan  
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President  
Commissioner Bella Farrow  
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon (noted present at 2:03 p.m.)  
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti  
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

**2. GOLDEN GATE PARK  
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES  
AWARD OF LEASE**

Consideration of the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables.

*Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 1994, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 1, 1994, were approved as presented.

*The Commission unanimously approved this item.*

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:



#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

##### a. PERSONNEL MATTERS

RES. NO. 17010

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period November 1, 1994 through December 2, 1994.

##### b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES. NO. 17011

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

###### **DONATED FROM:**

No. Carolina State University, College of  
Veterinary Medicine, 4700 Hillsborough St.  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
Four (4) Marine Toads, Unknown Sex

###### **PURCHASED FROM:**

Fort Worth Zoo  
1989 Colonial Parkway  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110-6410, USDA #74-C-085  
Two (2) Male & Two (2) Female Palm Tanagers  
and One (1) Male and Two (2) Female Saffron  
Finches valued at \$375.00.

###### **DONATED TO:**

Chaffee Zoological Gardens of Fresno  
894 West Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 937-28-2891  
One (1) Female South American Tapir

##### c. GOLDEN GATE PARK SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR BUILDING SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR/FLOWER SHOW BUDGET

RES. NO. 17012

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the 1995 San Francisco County Fair/Flower Show budget.

##### d. LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICE INCREASE

RES. NO. 17013

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the food and beverage price increase for Lincoln Park Golf Course Restaurant.

##### e. GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICE INCREASE

RES. NO. 17014

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission ratifies the food and beverage price increase for Golden Gate Park Golf Course Restaurant.

##### f. GOLF COURSES JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENTS

RES. NO. 17015

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission grants approval to allow up to four Junior Golf Tournaments per year at each City golf course.



#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

##### g. SGT. JOHN MACAULAY PARK RESTRICTION OF HOURS OF OPERATION

RES. NO. 17016

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission grants approval for Sergeant John Macaulay Park to be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during standard time and from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during daylight savings time.

*The Commission unanimously approved this item.*

#### GENERAL CALENDAR

##### 5. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA FENCING AND PERMIT FEE

Approval of a fencing plan for the New Year's Eve Party, "The Big Block Party", produced by Bill Graham Presents on December 31, 1994 at Justin Herman Plaza and the permit fee.

**Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that this item is a request from Bill Graham Presents to place a fence around the perimeter of Justin Herman Plaza. Three columns will be constructed at the fenced area to serve as the grand entry way to the event where there will be a \$65 admission charge. Events will be occurring at Embarcadero 4, the Hyatt Regency, Port Commission property, and the ice rink that is now in place at Justin Herman Plaza. The event will begin at 8:00 p.m. on December 31, 1994 and end at 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 1995. There will be no amplified sound at Justin Herman Plaza other than the music that is used for the ice skating rink. Guests of the Hyatt Regency will be given free tickets to this event. The event promoter expects 4,000-5,000 people will attend this event. The promoter will submit the fencing plan to the Park Division for its review and approval.

Traditionally the permit fee for any event that fences and charges an admission is based on 25% of the gate receipts. However, since the primary activities for this event will not occur on Recreation and Park property it was difficult to develop an appropriate fee. The sponsor has requested to pay a permit fee of \$2,500. In addition, Bill Graham Presents have made a commitment to produce a fundraising event for the Department in 1995 that will generate \$50,000-\$100,000.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Robinson explained that the Department will not bear any costs associated with this event; the sponsor will pay for security, fencing, clean-up costs, and offer a \$10,000 bond for damages as well as providing insurance. Commissioner Rovetti explained that merchants from the Fisherman's Wharf were not pleased with this event because of the road closure of the Embarcadero. Mr. Robinson explained that other City Departments have already granted approval for the road closure.

Commissioner Farrow asked if staff had received a commitment in writing from Bill Graham Presents to stage a fund raising event for the Department. President Immendorf explained that he spoke to Greg Perloff of Bill Graham Presents who informed him that they will help produce a fundraising event with assistance from Friends of Recreation and Parks.



5. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**  
**FENCING AND PERMIT FEE (Continued)**

Commissioner Chan said that at the Committee level the permit fee discussed was \$10,000. President Immendorf said the permit fee was reduced to \$2,500 because of the commitment to stage a future fundraising event for Recreation and Park. Mr. Robinson clarified the point that the \$10,000 fee was arbitrarily set without any specific guidelines.

Commission Rovetti was concerned that \$1 Million liability was not sufficient. **General Manager Mary E. Burns**, explained that this dollar amount was recommended by the City's Risk Manager and is standard for all permits issued by the Department. If it were to be changed all of the other permits would have to be changed.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Robinson said Bill Graham Presents used a local firm for fencing a prior event but he did not know the name of the firm that was going to be used for this event.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17017**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the fencing plan for the New Year's Eve Party, "The Big Block Party", produced by Bill Graham Presents on December 31, 1994 at Justin Herman Plaza, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Bill Graham Presents will pay a permit fee in the amount of \$2,500 and has agreed to produce a future fundraising event to benefit the Recreation and Park Department.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Immendorf, Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti, Ruiz

Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

6. **GOLF COURSES ^**  
**GOLF CART RENTAL FEE INCREASE**

Approval to increase golf cart rental fees by \$2.00 at City golf courses, effective 1/1/95.

**Golf Director, Bob Killian**, explained that this item is a request from the concessionaires at Harding, Fleming, Lincoln, and Sharp Park golf courses to increase golf cart rental rates. He explained that 98% of golf tournaments require golf carts. The lessees have not had an increase since June, 1992 and have experienced increased costs in replacing the golf cart fleet. The Department receives 25% of the cart fees at Harding, Fleming, and Lincoln and 20% at Sharp Park.

In response to several questions raised at the Committee level, Mr. Killian explained that:

⇒ The concessionaire must carry \$1 Million liability insurance;

⇒ The golf cart rental increase will generate approximately \$20,000 for the Department annually.





## 6. GOLF COURSES

### GOLF CART RENTAL FEE INCREASE (Continued)

⇒ The termination dates for the Department's golf course leases are:

Harding Park Golf Course:	April 30, 1998
Lincoln Park Golf Course:	April 30, 1998
Fleming Golf Course:	April 30, 1998
Sharp Park Golf Course:	April 30, 2003
McLaren Park Golf Course:	March 31, 2000
Golden Gate Park Golf Course:	March 31, 1997

⇒ A survey of 13 golf courses showed the average cart rental rate is \$21.77; only 2 of the courses surveyed offered a senior rate

⇒ The average 9 hole rate for a single rider is \$15.50.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon explained that she asked staff to analyze the fee charged for a single rider because she felt the wear and tear on the golf cart was the same regardless of the number of riders. Commissioner Rovetti said that normally golf courses charge half the full rate for a single rider. Mr. Killian explained that his survey found 5 golf courses charge half.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17018**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves an increase golf cart rental fees effective 1/1/95, as follows:

	Present	Approved
Golf Cart Rental Rate	\$20.00	\$22.00
Golf Cart Rental Rate (Seniors)	\$18.00	\$20.00
Single Rider Rental Rate	\$10.00	\$11.00
Golf Cart Single Rental Rate (Seniors)	\$ 9.00	\$10.00

*The Commission unanimously approved this item.*

## 7. MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES

### **AUTOMATED TEE-TIME SYSTEM**

#### **RESERVATION FEE**

Approval of new procedures for automated tee time services on municipal golf courses and implementation of a \$1.00 reservation fee effective March 1, 1995.

**Golf Director, Bob Killian**, explained that historically there have been problems associated with the tee time reservation system. For example, the City's Grand Jury did not like the penciled starter sheets used at the Department golf courses and Supervisor Barbara Kaufman suggested the Department consider an automated tee time system. The Department has now obtained a tee time service from a firm called Fairway Systems and the system will begin operation on 7:00 p.m., 12/16/94.



**7. MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES  
AUTOMATED TEE-TIME SYSTEM  
RESERVATION FEE (Continued)**

Presently, tee time reservations are made on Tuesday for Saturday, and Wednesday for Sunday. With the new automated tee time system all reservations will be made five days in advance beginning at 7:00 p.m. The system will only allow San Francisco residents to make advance weekend and holiday reservations. Several years ago the Commission issued resident cards to citizens of Pacifica for use at Sharp Park. Those holding Pacifica resident cards will be able to make advance weekend and holiday reservations at Sharp Park Golf Course only.

There will be a 90 day trial period after which staff will report to the Commission on the new system. It is hoped that the revenue generated from the new system will be specifically earmarked for the golf courses.

A question was raised at the Committee level about how the hearing impaired or speech impaired will use the system. A person with these impairments can make the reservation by following the instruction in the informational booklet. The system will not allow individuals with a rotary phone to make a reservation. However, sometime next year, Fairway Systems will have a voice activated system for those with rotary phones.

A \$1.00 reservation fee will be charged for each tee time after the 90 day trial. If a reservation is made and is not used, the computer system will record that absence. The Commission will have to develop rules or fines for those who abuse the reservation system.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Killian explained that the automated tee time system will handle 24 calls at one time.

Commissioner Rovetti wanted the revenue generated from this system to be earmarked specifically for the golf courses rather than going to the City's General Fund. **General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that when the golf course leases are renewed there will be an opportunity to protect some of the funds generated from golf.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17019**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the new procedures for automated tee time services on municipal golf courses and implementation of a \$1.00 reservation fee effective March 1, 1995.

*The Commission unanimously approved this item.*



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## 8. CAMP MATHER FEE INCREASE

Approval of a fee increase at Camp Mather for the 1995 season.

S.F. RESIDENTS					
Cabin Size	Current Cabin Weekly	Proposed Cabin Weekly	Current Cabin Nightly	Proposed Cabin Nightly	
2 Person	\$250	\$263	\$45	\$47	
3 Person	\$340	\$357	\$60	\$63	
4 Person	\$420	\$441	\$75	\$79	
5 Person	\$490	\$515	\$90	\$95	
6 Person	\$550	\$578	\$110	\$116	
4 Person Tent Site	\$100	\$105	\$20	\$21	
NON RESIDENTS					
Cabin Size	Current Cabin Weekly	Proposed Cabin Weekly	Current Cabin Nightly	Proposed Cabin Nightly	
2 Person	\$300	\$315	\$50	\$53	
3 Person	\$415	\$436	\$70	\$74	
4 Person	\$500	\$525	\$85	\$89	
5 Person	\$585	\$614	\$100	\$105	
6 Person	\$670	\$704	\$115	\$121	
4 Person Tent Site	\$120	\$126	\$24	\$25	

CHART OF MEAL FEES							
Age Group	Current Weekly Meal Rate	Proposed Weekly Meal Rate	Current Daily Meal Rate	Proposed Daily Meal Rate	Current Day Use Rate	Proposed Day Use Rate	
Adult (age 13 plus)	\$125	\$131	\$20	\$21	\$5	\$5.25	
Youth (Age 6 to 12)	\$75	\$79	\$12	\$13	\$2.50	\$2.60	
Child (Age 2 to 5)	\$70	\$74	\$10	\$11	\$2.50	\$2.60	
Infant (Under age 2)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request to increase fees at Camp Mather. Fees were last increased for the 1992 season. Staff prepared a comparison of fees charged at other nearby camps and found the proposed fees to be comparable. At the Committee level a question was raised on the 5% increase and staff was asked to calculate a fee increase based on 6 to 10% increase. Staff prepared this analysis and found that the Camp Mather fees would be the second highest of the six camps surveyed at either the 5% increase or 10% increase. The fees cover the cost of operating and maintaining Camp Mather. Last year's total revenue for Camp Mather was approximately \$1 Million and staff did not hear any comments that the cost was prohibitive. The ratio of residents/non residents who use the camp is 75% to 25%.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said at the Committee level it was explained that any additional revenue generated by the increase might be used to purchase needed equipment for Camp Mather. She felt that a 10% increase should be considered in an effort to generate revenues and since attendance levels were so high.

Mr. Arnold explained that Camp Mather was filled to 98% last season and there was a waiting list for some of the dates.

Commissioner Rovetti said that if the rates are raised 10% then fees may not have to be raised next year. He felt the facility was beautiful and the meal fees were reasonable



8. **CAMP MATHER**  
**FEE INCREASE** (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz concurred that Camp Mather is a beautiful facility but everyone cannot afford to use camp. He did not think the facility was economical and wanted it to be affordable.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding increasing fees for residents, imposing a higher fee schedule for non residents, retaining the present rates for tent sites, and whether or not to increase meal fees.

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, commented that when different rates are charged for residents and non residents, people use all types of schemes to get the resident rate.

The Commission directed staff to develop a fee increase based on 10% with the exception of the tent rates for San Francisco residents and to calendar this issue for next month's meeting.

9. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**  
**RECREATION DIVISION**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Approval of request for Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors regarding shortfall in mandatory fringe benefits for the Recreation Division for fiscal year 1994-95.

**Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold**, explained that staff monitors salary expenses on a monthly basis and has found that some miscalculations were made. The Recreation Division has approximately \$3 Million in salary costs for temporary employees. Many of the Recreation Division employees work more than 20 hours and are thus entitled to fringe benefits. The City's budget system automatically calculates fringe benefit costs for full time employees but does not for part time/as needed employees. However, employees who work more than 20 hours are entitled to fringe benefits and premium pay. Staff has monitored the fringe benefit costs for temporary salaries for the Recreation Division and found there is a \$280,000 shortfall. Premium pay is not funded by the City and the Department must absorb this cost. Additionally, the approved settlement with Local 790 which covers recreation directors will give employees an additional 1% increase in salary and in retirement in January 1995. The cost of this settlement will be approximately \$170,000, resulting in a \$450,000 deficit.

If additional funding is not received the Recreation Division will be forced to cut its part-time staff by 30%. Therefore, staff is requesting a supplemental appropriation for fringe benefits, premium pay costs and salary increases, over which the Department has no control. Without the funding, there will be a devastating reduction in staffing levels for the Recreation Division.

Mr. Arnold explained that fringe benefit costs (retirement, social security, health and dental) are calculated by the City. But premium pay is not automatically calculated and the premium pay cost for the 338 recreation directors who work beyond 5:00 p.m. is very costly to the Department. If the supplemental appropriation is not approved the Recreation Division will have to drastically curtail its programs and services.





**9. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
RECREATION DIVISION  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Commissioner Rovetti said he wanted to include premium pay costs in future budgets. **General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, explained that the budget instructions specifically do not allow the Department to include these costs.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17020**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves a request for Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$450,000 to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors regarding shortfall in mandatory fringe benefits for the Recreation Division for fiscal year 1994-95.

*The Commission unanimously approved this item.*

**Note for the Record:** After the meeting, the salary and fringe benefits shortfall was recalculated to be \$367,000.

**3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session regarding Item 10.**

**10. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS**

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

**RES. NO. 17021**

**RESOLVED**, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the following litigated claims:

- a) Claim of Rachialle Johnson in the amount of \$16,927.28.
- b) Claim of Sha-Marie Heady in the amount of \$34,494.50.
- c) Claim of CCSF v. Rothenburg in the amount of \$25,000.00.

*The Commission unanimously approved the settlement of these claims.*

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes.

**John Laskin**, said people will not be able to play golf in West Marin because the environmentalists are not making it possible. He stated that the East Bay Regional Park System will not allow people to pick mushrooms because the Sierra Club prevailed upon the park managers. He further stated that petty governmental officials like to cause trouble. A person who was blazing trails at Point Pedro Park had his tools confiscated and the rangers destroyed some of his paths. He said his gripe was environmentalists who pride themselves by denying others from enjoying themselves.



# **11. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

**Peter Desmond**, explained that he was involved in the discussion about the award of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease but felt uncomfortable commenting on that issue because the opposition was not present. He offered an invitation to any of the Commissioners to visit the Stables and said the way the Stables are maintained had little to do with money but had to do with respect. He said the Stables have issues relating to safety and noted there are dangerously exposed nails in one of the arenas. An abandoned car has been on the facility for over a year. These issues do not take funds but rather take care. He thanked Commissioner Ruiz and Immendorf for interceding on his behalf and acknowledging that he was a legitimate member of the waiting list for some 20 years.

# **12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**General Manager, Mary E. Burns**, submitted the following report:

*"BUDGET* A meeting was held with the Mayor's budget staff on Monday to discuss the 1995-96 budget for the Recreation and Park Department. At that meeting the budget staff confirmed that our department faces a substantial reduction in general fund support and must absorb all increased personnel costs resulting from City negotiated settlements with employee organizations without any additional general fund revenues. The department is already feeling the impact of these increases this fiscal year due to the SEIU settlement. We project that the 1995-96 cost of this settlement will be in excess of \$2 million. The department's budget request is due to the Mayor on February 1. Staff recommendations on the budget will be brought to the Commission in January.

*FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES* The 49ers will play at least one playoff game at Candlestick Park in January. Each game will generate approximately \$300,000 in additional revenues for the department. The revenues from the first game will make up for the revenues lost due to the shortened baseball season. If a second game is played at Candlestick Park, the revenues from that game will be available to begin the design process for Super Bowl XXXIII.

*COMPLETION OF CAPITAL PROJECT* The renovation of the Excelsior Playground Clubhouse has been completed. The project cost of \$350,000 was allocated through the Open Space Program. The work includes a handsome new kitchen, an improved weight training area and a general refurbishment of the facility, including upgrading its disability access to code.

*UPDATE ON MANDATORY DRUG TESTING* As I reported in October, the City's Human Resources Department (HRD) is in the process of formulating a drug policy to comply with the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations on alcohol and drug testing for safety-sensitive employees who are required to hold commercial driver licenses. Fifty seven Recreation and Park employees will be covered by this policy. The cost being charged by HRD for this program is estimated at \$500 per employee for the remaining half of the current fiscal year and \$1,000 per employee for Fiscal Year 1995-96. Departments have been told that they will have to absorb the costs since federal funds will not be available. This means finding an additional \$28,500 for this fiscal year and \$57,000 for the following year.



## 12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

Covered employees will be subject to testing in the following situations: pre-employment, reasonable suspicion, post-accident, random, return-to-duty and follow-up of previous tests.

*GOLDEN GATE PARK ROAD CLOSURES - 1995* In 1990, the Commission approved the holiday road closures for John F. Kennedy Drive and designated that in the future the closure of this road was to be handled administratively by the Department. Therefore, the following is the schedule for 1995 holidays:

Monday, January 16, 1995	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Monday, February 20, 1995	President's Day
Monday, May 29, 1995	Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4, 1995	Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 1995	Labor Day
Thursday, November 23, 1995	Thanksgiving Day

*RECREATION DIVISION SALARY DEFICIT* The Recreation Division has suffered through several years of continuing budget reductions. Every attempt has been made to absorb cuts with as little impact on staff hours and community programs as possible. We have been successful in that we have not been forced to lay off any employees or close any facilities during these difficult times. However, the effects of these reductions are now being felt through the creation of large deficits in salary accounts. In addition, the recently adopted SEIU Memorandum of Understanding, which mandates that the Department increase its contribution to the fringe benefits of most of its employees, is another contributing factor to the current situation. The deficits we now face must be eliminated, because the City will not allow continued deficit spending. Because of the seriousness of the situation, hours will have to be reduced at many facilities. Some relief is expected as many units are not staff on rainy days. The supplemental appropriation you are considering today would address much of this problem if it is approved by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

*CAMPING IN PARKS* Lawyers for the homeless challenged a Santa Ana anti-camping ordinance before the State Supreme Court on December 1, 1994. The case is one of several challenges to anti-homeless measures around the country and the first to reach a state high court. It is possible that the ruling could have an impact on San Francisco's ordinances.

*RECREATION DIVISION WINTER PARTIES* There are a number of winter parties underway throughout the Recreation Division. At your places is a brochure that lists the date, time and location of the various parties as well as a brief indication of the party activity. Commissioners are more than welcome to drop by any of these parties.

*NAN NEAL* As you will recall, the Commission adjourned its July meeting with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Nan Neal, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation. I am pleased to report that after many months in the hospital, Nan is at home, where she will continue to receive physical therapy. I hope it will not be too long before I can report that she is back at work.



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**12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

*DATES TO REMEMBER*

Monday, December 26, 1994	Christmas Day Holiday (observed)
Monday, January 2, 1995	New Year's Day Holiday (observed)
Wednesday, January 4, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Tuesday, January 10, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, January 12, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, January 16, 1995	Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

**13. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.*

**14. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS**

*Note for the Record: No issues were raised by the Commission.*

**15. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

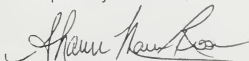
- ♦Joint Zoo Committee meeting of November 2, 1994
- ♦Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of December 1, 1994
- ♦Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of December 5, 1994
- ♦Parks and Planning Committee meeting of December 6, 1994

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Thelma Shelley, of the War Memorial, who is recovering from a heart attack.

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Marie Rose  
Commission Secretary













